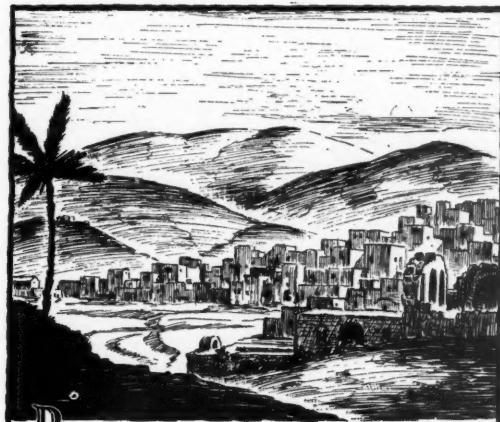


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## PROPHECY-

"But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from Everlasting." Micah 5:2.

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**A PROPHETIC VOICE "CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS"**  
GERALD B. WINROD, Editor

# Modernism And Christmas

Rev. L. P. Buroker, Mt. Vernon, Indiana

IT is not necessary to enter into the question as to whether the particular season observed in honor of the birth of Jesus falls at the right time of the year, to assert that no other season or observance better serves to emphasize the essential and irreconcilable conflict between Christian faith and religious Modernism.

Neither is it needful to accept or condone the paganistic fancies which have grown up about the celebration of the Savior's birth to recognize that the field, encumbered as it is with the accumulations of the centuries, is the scene of one of the major battles of the end-time struggle between faith and skepticism.

Strip Christmas of the pagan aspects which it has acquired through the years, eliminate the argument as to the proper date for its observance, and the essential thing which remains is the Virgin Birth.

The conflict between belief, on one hand, and irreverent jeering agnosticism, on the other, turns on this fundamental thing: that the Man called Jesus of Nazareth was born of the Virgin Mary.

#### Virgin Birth Defined

The position of believers on this point is very clear. They are in agreement that the entrance of their Lord into the experiences of physical existence, "in the likeness of men", was by means of a birth; that He was "born of a woman" without the agency of an earthly or human father; that the Child was conceived in the womb of Mary through the agency of the Holy Spirit; that Joseph, who later became the father of other children by Mary in the sacred relation of marriage, was NOT the father of Jesus.

In short, the position of Bible believers is that Jesus Christ was born to a woman who did not enter into the relation by which human life is reproduced, with any man, either within or outside of the sanctity of marriage, until after the birth of Jesus.

By Virgin Birth much more is meant than the miraculous element involved in the births of Isaac and John the Baptist, which were instances of divine intervention whereby God removed the natural physical obstacles attendant upon advanced age and made possible the conception and birth of the son of Abraham and Sarah and the prophetically promised Forerunner of the Lord.

THE VIRGIN BIRTH WAS THE ELIMINATION OF HUMAN FATHERHOOD ALTOGETHER!

This is the plain teaching of the Bible.

Prophetically, it was recorded in Isaiah: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel".

#### The Gospel Record

Historically, two of the biographers of Jesus set in order the facts pertaining to His Virgin Birth. No more beautiful or reverent record is to be found in all literature than that contained in the opening chapters of Luke. The Angel of God visited Mary, of whom it is expressly stated that she was a VIRGIN, and announced that she, of all women upon earth, had been selected as the one through whom the long promised Deliverer was to be born.

Humbly and submissively, Mary made the natural inquiry, "How shall this be, seeing that I know not a man?" The reply of the Angel Gabriel is significant in the extreme. "The Holy Spirit shall come upon thee, and the power of the Most High shall overshadow thee: WHEREFORE ALSO THE HOLY THING WHICH IS BEGOTTEN SHALL BE CALLED THE SON OF GOD".

Matthew's account of the nativity places the Virgin Birth in the position of central importance. He asserts in positive language that before Joseph and Mary "came together she was found with CHILD OF THE HOLY SPIRIT". He then reports the problem which confronted Joseph, to whom Mary was betrothed, and the settlement of his perplexity by the appearance of God's angel, who gave him such assurances of the innocence and purity of Mary that he turned aside from his intention of privately breaking the betrothal and took her as his wife, biding his time in peace, having reverence and respect for her God-appointed mission.

The reality of this angelic visitation is underscored by the fact that it was Joseph himself who gave the name of Jesus to the Child. This, it is to be remembered, was the name commanded

by the angel.

Louis Matthews Sweet, writing in the *International Standard Bible Encyclopedia*, says: "Virgin-birth is the correct and only correct designation of the birth statement contained in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke".

#### Modern Sadducees

This is the teaching which the Liberal religionists, in true Sadducean fashion, deny.

One of the noted skeptics of a few generations ago accused the biographers of Jesus of inventing the story of the Virgin Birth and the journey to Bethlehem to cover up the supposed shame of Mary in Nazareth, where, he said, she gave birth to the child of some un-named libertine.

It is with such blatant, irreverent, blasphemous and outright atheism that the Modernists of the present day have their true spiritual affinity!

A preacher in Wisconsin, in conversation at a meeting of Ministers, said, "Jesus was the illegitimate son of the adulteress Mary". Asked if he delivered himself of such teaching in his pulpit, he replied that his people were not yet able to bear it.

Schooled in the subtleties and arts of diplomacy, not all Modernists are as straight-forward in their repudiation of the Biblical record. They talk learnedly of "biological absurdities" and "scientific impossibilities", and prefer to speak of the "ethical concept" and "moral tone" of the life and teachings of Jesus.

But since their system begins with the illegitimate offspring of a shameless woman and ends with His body rotting in the grave, their system reduces its adherents to the morals of the gutter and limits their hopes and aspirations to the vagaries of spiritism.

There is a narrow border line here. On one side lies that which is holy; on the other that which is degraded.

The Modernists have gone over on the side which places our Lord's origin under a black cloud of suspicion and puts into his veins the blood of an unidentified profligate.

#### Would Invent Scripture

In their unholy zeal to strip the Lord Jesus Christ of His Deity, the Modernists go as far as to insist upon the insertion of a "begat" between the name of Joseph and that of Jesus in the genealogy of Matthew.

Wilson's *Emphatic Diaglott*, with its literal word-for-word rendition of the Greek text, leaves them without a single vestige of evidence for support. The "begat" upon which they insist simply does not appear

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A Christmas Scene on the Campus of the Practical Bible Training School.

# THE DEFENDER MAGAZINE

Defenders Song "Faith of Our Fathers"

Defenders Motto "Back to the Bible"

## Communists Lie Like Cretians

... By Gerald B. Winrod, D. D., Wichita, Kansas ...

"THE CRETIANS are always liars, evil beasts, slow belies." Titus 1:12.

Crete is a narrow island in the Mediterranean, midway between Italy and Palestine. It measures about 150 miles in length. Being mountainous, its highest and most famous peak is Mount Ida.

According to the twenty-seventh chapter of Acts, the vessel that carried the Apostle Paul toward Rome, skirted the southern coasts of Crete for a considerable distance. There are several references to Crete in the New Testament.

In ancient times, the Cretians were famous as good sailors and possessed great skill at archery. They were experts in the technique of ambushing. *They also had the reputation of being absolute liars.*

The classics abound with allusions to their untruthfulness. Thus it came to be said that a person who habitually peddles falsehoods, "lies like a Cretian".

The People's Bible Encyclopedia says that the term "liar" was "So frequently applied to them that *Kray-tidz-ein*, meaning 'to act the Cretian', became a synonym to 'play the liar'."

No word in Holy Writ better describes the modern Communist propagandist than the term Cretian. *Red agitators and organizers are essentially liars!* They can voice a lie with the same earnestness that a Christian tells the truth. Lying is their business. They have it reduced to a science.

As Christians seek to maintain standards of truth, Communist propagandists pride themselves on their ability to create confusion by the use of falsehoods. In this regard, they are entirely *unmoral*. The truth is simply not in them!

The words of Christ addressed to the Jewish leaders of His day, apply well to these modern Cretians: "Ye are of your father the devil,

and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own; for he is a liar, and the father of it."

### No Standard of Truth

Atheism is the official religion of Communism. Truth, on the other hand, originates in God. Since the Reds, in their blindness and carnal depravity, refuse to admit the existence of a Supreme Being, one would naturally expect them to be devoid of the truth consciousness.

The official attitude of Communism toward God and religion, was explained as far back as 1931 when William Z. Foster testified before the United States Congressional Committee headed by Hamilton Fish, Jr. Mr. Foster was a former candidate for president on the Communist ticket. The following testimony is taken from the Congressional Record:

The CHAIRMAN. Does your party advocate the abolition and destruction of religious beliefs?

Mr. FOSTER. Our party considers religion to be the *opium of the people*, as Karl Marx stated, and we carry on propaganda for the liquidation of these prejudices amongst the workers.

The Chairman. To be a member of the Communist Party, do you have to be an atheist?

Mr. Foster. In order to be — there is no formal requirement to this effect. Many workers join the Communist Party who still have some religious scruples, or religious ideas; but a worker who will join the Communist Party, who understands the elementary

principles of the Communist Party, must necessarily be in the process of liquidating his religious beliefs and, if he still has any lingers when he joins the party, he will soon get rid of them. But religion, that is, atheism, is not laid down as a formal requirement for membership in the Communist Party.

The Chairman. Have you been to Russia?

Mr. Foster. Yes. Eight or nine times.

The Chairman. You are familiar, then, with the workings of the Communist Party in Russia?

Mr. Foster. Reasonably.

The Chairman. Well, can members of the Communist Party in Russia be married in the church and maintain religious beliefs of that nature, and practice them?

Mr. Foster. My opinion is that a member of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union who would be married in a church would not be of any value to the Communist Party.

The Chairman. Could he maintain his membership in the party?

Mr. Foster. He would not.

The Chairman. He would be put out of the party?

Mr. Foster. Eventually, if not for that specific act.

The Chairman. Would it not be the same in this country?

Mr. Foster. As I stated before, workers who would be so imbued with religious superstitions that they would be married in a church would be of no value to the Communist Party.

The Chairman. And the same thing would happen to them in this country that happens to them in Russia?

Mr. Foster. Of course.

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Every time a Communist raises his clenched fist in giving the official Red

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### АГЕНТУРА ГЕРМАНСКОГО ФАШИЗМА В США

Нью-ЙОРК, 24 марта. В газете «Сан-  
д-Йоркер» опубликована статья Джона  
Спивака, в которой сообщается, что фа-  
шист Геральд Винрод, после секретного  
совещания в германском посольстве, орга-  
низовал в Вашингтоне информационное  
бюро якобы для обслуживания провинции-

альных газет. На самом деле это бюро ве-  
дет фашистскую пропаганду. После поезд-  
ки в Германию в 1934 году у Винрода  
появились огромные деньги, на которые он  
и проводит фашистскую пропаганду в на-  
стоящее время.

John Spivak's lying attack upon the Editor of The Defender reprinted in "Krasnaya Zvezda" — the Moscow newspaper of the Soviet Army. This proves Spivak's Communistic connections.

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**BIBLE BELIEVING** Protestants will beware of the so-called "Preaching Missions" now in progress throughout the Nation under the direction of the Federal Council of Churches. Outstanding radicals, some with well known Communistic records, are touring the Country, appearing on these programs, cloaking their doctrines in the garb of religion.

**"THE CHURCHES Can't Go Red"** is the title of a booklet of more than ordinary importance being distributed gratis by Mr. Wilbur Helm, well known Methodist layman, 120 S. LaSalle St., Chicago.

**LIKE PARASITES**, many radical organizations are fastening themselves on various denominational bodies. When the Protestant Episcopal Church held its Cincinnati convention a few weeks ago, the "Church League for Industrial Democracy" was thoroughly panned by Christian laymen. In an open letter to high Church officials, the Laymen's Association protested that Rev. William Spofford of the "League" was "a member of the American Civil Liberties Union and the national bureau of the League Against War and Fascism, of which Earl Browder, general secretary of the Communist party, is a vice-chairman."

**DURING THE** recent Methodist conference in Knoxville, Tennessee, a daily newspaper carried the following significant report: "Delegates to the 94th annual session of Holston conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church last night heard a high national Church official deliver an impassioned verbal defense of churchless Communism in Soviet Russia and an advocacy of the adoption of some of the principles of Communism in the United States. The speaker was Dr. M. A. Dawber, of Philadelphia, English-born Americanized secretary of the Board of Home Mis-

sions of the Methodist Episcopal Church."

**REV. FRANK GAEBELEIN** declares that out of 49-million young people in the United States, 36-million have never set foot inside a church. He says that a questionnaire sent to 55,000 youngsters attending certain schools in New York, indicates that more than 16,000 never heard of the Ten Commandments.

**PERHAPS** the most novel feature of Hugo Black's appointment to a position on the Supreme Court is the statement that a Klansman should be there, since both Jews and Catholics occupy seats on the bench. This is not the basis on which Justices have been chosen in the past!

**WHEN REV. CHARLES COUGHLIN** decided to discontinue his radio work last month, Rev. Gerald L. K. Smith took over the time thus relinquished. This involves 26 Sunday broadcasts over a network of independent stations. Mr. Smith, a militant foe of Communism, was formerly associated with Senator Huey Long.

**HUGH JOHNSON**, former custodian of the Blue Eagle, professes to see dictatorship ahead for the United States. He says: "Under the seduction of ballyhoo, bribery and charm, we are moving away from the democracy imagined by the Constitution and straight toward as rigid a dictatorship as there is on earth." He expresses fear that the New Deal's principal objective "is to give us a new form of government—not with the Constitution but in spite of the Constitution."

**CONGRESSMAN FISH** says that the policies of the State Department are responsible for the drop in America's foreign trade balance from an excess of \$477,745,000 in 1934 to a deficit of \$147,321,000 in the first half of this year. "Secretary Hull has had a free trade obsession for thirty years," Mr. Fish says, "and fails to realize that American labor cannot compete with Japanese labor paid 20 cents a day or European labor paid less than a dollar."

**IN MARCH** 1933 Roosevelt said: "For three long years the Federal Government has been on the road toward bankruptcy." At that time, the national debt was 21 billion dollars. In September 1937 he said: "Do not let

anyone deceive you — the Government is not going broke." Now, the American Coalition of Patriotic Societies says: "Today the direct and indirect obligations of the Federal Government, together with appropriations, reappropriations and contracts authorized by the last Congress, total approximately 52 billion dollars."

**COL. E. M. HOUSE**, mystery man of international affairs, called the "holy monk" of the Wilson Administration, announces that he is now writing his autobiography.

**AN INFERO**, surpassing anything Dante visualized, is being prepared by scientists for the next world war. From London comes a report of a new type of shell which develops a white heat of 4,000 degrees Centigrade and melts tanks "like snow".

**SAID SENATOR** Gerald P. Nye in a recent address on the subject of war: "The cost of the World War was 65 billions of dollars, and before that bill is paid it will be 100 billions. That's what the financial cost was, but what was the cost in lives and the breaking up of homes and general misery that followed? . . . If someone had laid down one dollar 1,937 years ago and laid another dollar down every second since then, there still would not be 65 billion dollars."

**A CONFLICT** between Japan and Russia is regarded as inevitable. It promises to be the most terrible struggle the world has ever known. Now is the time for public opinion to harden into cement-like substance, resolving that under no circumstances will America be drawn into the holocaust. Engines of propaganda are already at work, stirring up hatred among our citizens toward Japan. While Christians and patriots do not endorse Japanese militarism, yet they are insisting that Japan and Russia be allowed to settle their differences in their own way. The common sense attitude for the United States is rigid isolation!

**IF THE WOMEN** of this Country ever become aroused and organized over the destructive agencies which are threatening their homes and Christian institutions, conditions will speedily change for the better. In the vanguard of this movement among women, stands "The Georgia Woman's World", 882 Ponce de Leon Ave., Atlanta, Georgia. The price of this newspaper is \$1.00 per year—sample copy 5 cents.

**CRETIANS.**

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salute, he is putting his puny will, against the will, of God! He is demonstrating how human beings can turn themselves over to Satan — the fallen archangel, whose original sin, according to Isaiah, was rebellion against God.

Down through the ages there have been occult organizations devoted to the worship of Satan. These forms of religion are known in history, as *Satanism*. The roots of Communism reach to the subsoil of this form of demonism. Satanism, in its modern expression, is operating on a world-wide scale.

Communism is of the Devil. It is animated by the spirit of the Devil. It is the Devil's instrument for bringing about international suicide. Jesus said: "When he (the Devil) speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own."

IT IS WITHIN THE RANGE OF POSSIBILITY, FOR HUMAN BEINGS TO BECOME UTTERLY INCAPACITATED, WHERE MATTERS PERTAINING TO TRUTH ARE INVOLVED. "Because that, when they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools." *Romans 1:21-22.*

II Thessalonians 2:11 applies to those, whose souls have become darkened and their minds warped, by yielding to this atheistic system: "And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie."

**Reds Becoming Hysterical**

In the testimony referred to above, Mr. Foster said: "The Communist International is the WORLD PARTY of the Communist movement."

Communist conspirators in the United States who had dreamed of a bloody civil war and a Soviet America by the end of 1937, are becoming hysterical as they watch their plans perish in other parts of the world.

Germany threw off the shackles of Moscow in just a nick of time. The Reds are being forced to release their grip upon Spain. Sentiment is hardening against them in England. And a mighty awakening is beginning to sweep the United States.

When Italy, Germany and Spain, delivered themselves from Jewish Communism, other forms of dictatorship were substituted. Italy went from Red to Black. Germany changed from Red to Brown. Spain is in process of changing from Red to a combination of Black and Brown.

But American patriots are determin-

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ed, that in purging our Nation of these pernicious agencies, we shall not drift into dictatorship as other countries have gone! Every effort is therefore being made to safeguard our liberties by preserving CONSTITUTIONAL DEMOCRACY.

In their hysteria, Red propagandists are becoming so prolific and unreasonable in their lying, that even their own followers are becoming disgusted. The Communistic writer, who is doing more than others to discredit his own Cause, is the Jew, John Spivak, a staff writer for the Red Daily Worker.

Spivak's latest outburst occurred October 13, 1937 in Boston, where he was allowed to testify before a committee of legislators, during an investigation of subversive activities in Massachusetts. On that occasion he attempted to smear the names of a large group of leaders who are doing everything in their power to save the Nation from a Communist revolution.

He made the absurd charge, for instance, that the great patriot, Walter Steele, editor of the *National Republic*, is being subsidized by funds from Germany. The *New York Times* quoted Spivak as saying that the German government was spending \$2,500,000 a year for propaganda in the United States.

Mr. Steele was quick to retaliate with devastating frankness by releasing an Open Letter to Sybil H. Holmes, Chairman of the Massachusetts committee. He said in part:

"If the statements referred to appeared only in the Communistic propaganda sheets for a Soviet America and in support of the murderous Soviet Dictators of Russia, for which John L. Spivak is editorially serving, I would have permitted the incident to have passed unnoticed. However, appearing as they did in the *New York Times* and other newspapers carrying Associated Press dispatches, without any reference to the background of John L. Spivak, therefore giving them certain possible credence with those who have never heard of Spivak before, I

feel it is my duty to publicly refute the charges and inferences set forth by him. . . .

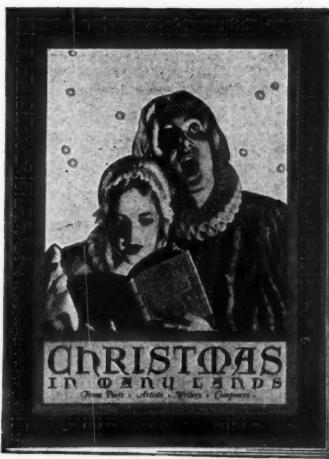
"If there has been \$2,500,000 spent in the United States by the German government, we haven't received a dime of it. We would consider an offer of favors or finances from a foreign government in exchange for the use of our editorial columns in their behalf, in the light of a direct insult to our loyalty to the constitutional form of government of our own United States of America.

"I personally have never met the German Ambassador to this Country, any consul, trade agent, secretary, attache, or one connected in an official capacity with the German government. Neither have I, either as an individual nor in my position as Managing Editor of the *National Republic*, ever had any correspondence with anyone connected with the Nazi government or any of their organizers and leaders in the United States, insofar as I know. . . .

"John L. Spivak is a regular writer for the *Daily Worker*, the *Sunday Worker*, the *Western Worker* and the *Southern Worker*, publications which carry, on their editorial mast-heads beneath the name of the paper, the information 'Official Organ of the Communist Party of the U.S.A., section of the Third International.' For the benefit of those who do not know what the Third International is, may I state that it is the world Communist organization with headquarters in Moscow which directs the Communist parties of 57 countries, including the Communist Party of the United States!

"In order that Mr. Spivak cannot alibi that he is editorially connected with all of these Communist publications only from a 'professional' standpoint, I beg to state that he was a known member of the National Committee to promote the election, as President and Vice President of the United States on the Communist Party ticket, of Earl Browder, National Secretary of the Communist Party of the U.S.A. (also a member of the Presidium of the Third International of Moscow), and James W. Ford (negro), who

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heads the Communist negro movement in the United States.

"The latter is also an official of the (Communist) International Labor Defense and a member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the U.S.A. He was a delegate to the convention of the Third International which was held in Moscow. *The appeal of the election committee, to which Mr. Spivak's name was affixed, pleaded with the workers and farmers of America to set up a Soviet form of government in the United States.*

"Robert G. Spivak, John L. Spivak's brother, is the Ohio leader of the Communist-Socialist American Student Union, formed in Columbus, Ohio, two years ago. Another Spivak, Abraham M., was the Communist Party candidate for Congress from Connecticut in 1934. . . .

"The *National Republic* and myself, as Managing Editor, hold that it is wrong for any foreign government, nationals or agents of same, to be permitted to organize in the United States; that propaganda, organization and agitation for a change in our form of government to any alien form of government is treason, and that those active along such lines should be prosecuted."

## "Confusing Dialectics"

Another member of the group of patriots whom Spivak attempted to slander in his Boston diatribe was Mr. Harry Jung of Chicago — a man who is probably more feared by the Communists of the United States, than any other single individual. When the *Wichita Beacon* published Spivak's abominable falsehoods, Mr. Jung sent the following letter to the editor:

"I demand an immediate retraction of the canard printed in bold type, in your October 13 issue. . . .

"The truth isn't in Spivak — never has been and never can be; he's a Communist muckraker and forced himself into the present situation at Boston.

"The Associated Press at least had the common sense to protect itself by carrying my denial right in the original story. The law does not absolve the indirect disseminator of libel and falsehood.

"Nazism and Fascism would be nonexistent if it were not for Communism.

"It has become an unAmerican trait of yellow journalists to take the unsupported word of some moron, that patriots, who are fighting Communism, are either Nazi or Fascist adherents and sympathizers. The policy of all Communists is to label their opponents, as Fascists or Nazi agents, because they realize gullible, uninformed, trusting people, despise all foreign 'isms', but, unfortunately, fail to penetrate the motive of the Communists in raising these issues, through their revolutionary and confusing dialectics."

## The American Legion's Attitude

On October 22, 1937, I sent the following self-explanatory letter to Mr. Sybil H. Holmes, Chairman of the

## Massachusetts Committee:

"I denounce as an absolute falsehood the statement made before your Committee October 13, 1937, by Mr. John Spivak, as reported by Associated Press dispatches:

"Gerald Winrod of Wichita, Kans., whom Mr. Spivak described as an itinerant preacher who never had any money, but who, after two visits to Germany, returned with a check book."

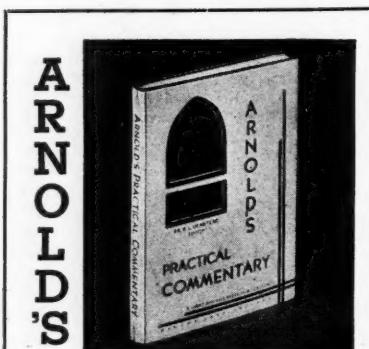
"I understand that your Committee exists to investigate alleged Nazi, Fascist and Communist activities in Massachusetts. How does it happen that a man who has been engaged in Communistic propaganda for many years, should have been allowed to smear the names of honorable patriots before your body?

"Certainly it must have been known that Mr. Spivak is a regular staff writer for such Communist publications as the *Daily Worker*, the *Sunday Worker*, and the *Western Worker*; that his writings also appear regularly in newspapers published within the Soviet Border.

"Last March when he released a series of absurd falsehoods against the writer, in the *Daily Worker*, I received the attached letter from Mr. H. L. Chaillaux, of the National Headquarters of the American Legion.

"I desire you to file this photostat together, with my denial of Mr. Spivak's statements, with your Committee.

## "MR. SPIVAK IS A PLAIN LIAR."



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Mr. Chaillaux is one of the most prominent officials of the American Legion. His office is at the National Headquarters of the organization in Indianapolis. In the letter which I filed with the Massachusetts Committee, dated October 22, 1937 he wrote as follows:

"Dear Mr. Winrod:

"I enjoy reading 'The Defender' which you are good enough to send me regularly.

"I suppose you saw all of the good publicity you received on the front pages of the *Daily Worker*, official organ of the Communist Party, recently. According to these articles, you rate high on the preferred list of American Fascists. Of course the Communist definition for Fascism applies to anyone who strictly opposes Communism.

"Under separate cover, I am today sending you a complimentary copy of the revised 'ISMS'.

"Sincerely yours,

"H. L. Chaillaux,

National Americanism Commission"

## Spivak's Moscow Connections

Two days after the Jewish Mr. Spivak published an attack on me last March in the New York *Daily Worker*, a condensation of the falsehoods was reprinted by his fellow Jews of Moscow in the *Krasnaya Zvezda* (Red Star) — official newspaper of the Soviet army.

This establishes beyond any shadow of a doubt, his relationship with the Jewish rulers at the Red Capital. For the sake of thoroughness, I shall reproduce with this article, a photographic copy of the report in the Russian language, which appeared in the above publication, under date of March 24, 1937.

Now, let Mr. Spivak deny this exposure of his Moscow connections if he dares! —

This is the man to whom the Associated Press granted use of its wires, on October 13, 1937 so that patriotic Christian Americans might be slandered.

ENOUGH HAS BEEN WRITTEN TO IMPRESS UPON THOUGHTFUL PEOPLE, THE FUTILITY OF BELIEVING ANYTHING THEY HEAR OR SEE IN PRINT, DEROGATORY TO THOSE WHO ARE FIGHTING COMMUNISM.

Let fair-minded Christians investigate for themselves, before accepting as factual, any report which may even be remotely associated with Communist sources.

Remember, the Reds have utter disregard for truth. They lie like Cretians. Their philosophy is builded upon deception. Their hope of success in overthrowing our Country depends upon their ability to create confusion by the lie method.

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## "Worse and Worse"

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**"BUT** evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived" (II Tim. 3:13).

Deluded religious leaders are trying to delude their followers by telling them that the world is getting better and better. The Bible plainly tells us that as this age draws to a close men shall wax worse and worse. In the course of time, every prophetic declaration of the Bible will be fulfilled.

The events of the present hour should convince the most skeptical that the Bible is true and that only an omniscient God could have caused these predictions to be recorded centuries in advance of their fulfillment.

The world is plunging toward international suicide at a terrific pace. The pride of man makes him unwilling to admit that he cannot solve his problems.

### Modern Psychology

It is a fact well known in the realm of psychology that man prefers to close his eyes to the "unpleasant truths". He makes a great effort to disbelieve that which he hopes is not true.

This accounts for the discarding of the doctrine of hell, by liberal theologians. It accounts for the denial of the fact of sin by the Christian Scientists.

In order to drown the voice of a guilty conscience, the atheist likewise spends a great deal of time talking against the Bible, the Church, and the existence of God. He makes it appear that he is trying to convince you there is no God. In reality, he is trying to convince himself that there is no Supreme Being because he knows that judgment will eventually strike him since he refuses to be reconciled to God.

The liberal preacher scoffs at the idea of a war that will involve all the nations. He doesn't want that war to come because it will prove that he is a false teacher. This fact is more important to him than the number of lives that will be lost.

In Old Testament times it was a characteristic of the false prophet to

prophecy "pleasant things". The true prophet preached judgment upon man's sin. The result was that the false prophet was popular while the true prophet was put to death.

Listen to the radio programs of astrologers, psychologists, time-serving politicians, and apostate preachers. They are prophesying "pleasant things". They say, peace when there is no peace! They say it is "bad psychology" to present the unpleasant side of the question.

This idea has been burned into the public mind with such force that many prefer to discard the unpleasant things of the Bible. They no longer accept the idea of sin, hell, and judgment because it is *bad psychology* to believe in them. However, blissful ignorance is no virtue. Therefore let us face the facts.

### World Military Forces

In spite of efforts to establish world peace there are more men in arms today than at the close of the World War.

A recent Associated Press dispatch says, "A survey by American military authorities disclosed today that at least 55,000,000 trained men can 'spring to arms overnight' in forty-eight nations.

The regular army, reserves, and other trained men in those countries, a survey shows, number 54,412,628, not including China's uncounted military forces, conservatively estimated as at least 1,000,000 . . . Soviet Russia, has the world's largest army with 1,545,000 regulars and a total of 19,490,000 men.

Italy ranks second with 6,294,394 trained men, of whom 1,331,200 (including 878,200 reserves on active duty) are in the regular army."

### Education

Our large colleges and universities have taken the lead in destroying faith in the Bible. "The Damned Soul's Society" originated in a Baptist college. Atheism and Communism are the eventual fruits of skepticism and destructive criticism of the Bible.

Elizabeth Dilling's book, *The Red Network*, lists 128 educators in outstanding universities and colleges, who

are connected with radical and subversive organizations engaged in spreading Communistic propaganda. And the list does not profess to be complete.

From *The Red Hand in the Professor's Glove*, we quote the following:

"The President of one of America's five largest corporations, with offices on lower Broadway, New York, remarked lately, 'We have ceased taking any more graduates from . . . college into our organization. One can with as much safety go up to Union Square, round up a few score of those crackerbox Communists and turn them loose among his forces'."

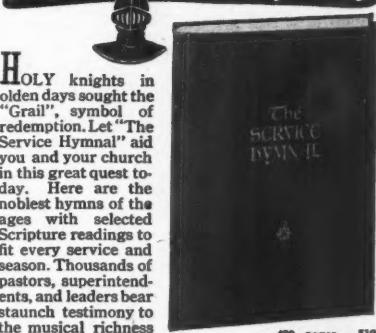
Thus, through the invasion of perverted intellectualism, many become a *bombshell*, rather than a *bulwark* to our civilization.

The entire Country was jolted last month by word from Spain that a youthful student of Kansas University, named Donald E. Henry, had just been slain on a Spanish battlefield while fighting with the Communist forces. Donald's father of Dodge City, Kansas announced simultaneously that he was demanding an investigation of Red activities on the campus of the University.

It now develops that another Kansas youth, a Kenneth Graeber, from the same institution, went with Henry and is now fighting for the Communist

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armies of Spain. An element of mystery was associated with their departure as indicated by the following statement by Kenneth's mother: "I never did know what made him leave for Spain. He came home one night and told me he was leaving, had me sign a paper and was gone. *Where he got the money for transportation to Spain is another question I would like to have answered.*"

While every Christian naturally sympathizes with these parents, yet the thing that must impress all straight-thinking Americans, is the fact such influences should be allowed to exist, among the student body of a middle western State University.

Donald was president last year of the Kansas University chapter of the "American Student Union". Two years ago he directed the kind of "peace strikes" at the School which campus agitators have sponsored in so many institutions of learning. When the "peace" organization responsible for these disorders was disbanded, its functions were taken over by the local Y. M. C. A.

Official magazines and newspapers of the Communist Party declare that the "American Student Union" is an affiliate of the international Red organizations of the world.

Officials of the University announced that an "investigation", along the lines demanded by Henry's father would be made, but as yet no results have been reported.

Paul Moritz, a college friend of the slain youth said: "Henry was not a pacifist in the true sense of the word; he believed in peace only as a method for economic reform."

This shows the confused state of the young man's mind as far as the great issues of war, peace and democracy were concerned. He, like thousands of other fine young people, simply came under the wrong kind of influences, subversive influences, while away from home acquiring an education.

Donald's father is quoted as saying that, according to papers and letters found among the boy's belongings, that he went to Spain against his will.

**Christianizing the World**

The Church was commissioned to

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Several hundred people accept Christ, but there are still thousands who have rejected Him. I have "evangelized" the community, but I have by no means "Christianized" it.

For years the apostate religious leaders have been talking about "converting" the world. You often hear them babble about establishing the "Kingdom of God" on earth through human means. But now the world has "converted" vast sections of the apostate Church and it has moved into the world, bag and baggage. Having descended to the standards of the world, the apostates imagine they have lifted the world up to God.

The heathen are multiplying seventy times faster than they are being saved. Dr. E. P. Alldredge said recently in the *Watchman-Examiner*, "The world is growing heathen at the rate of 6,000,000 yearly."

There are 27,000,000 boys and girls in the United States who never darken the door of a church or Sunday School.

**Crime Increasing**

Crime has increased 85 per cent during the past ten years. J. Edgar Hoover estimates that crime costs the people of the United States \$15,000,000,000 annually.

Since 1912 the American prison population has increased from 160,000 to 500,000. More than one million major crimes are committed in the United States every year and there have been 250,000 murders in this Country since the beginning of the century.

Experts estimate that one half of the adult population of the United States are gamblers and that they bet five billion dollars a year.

The illegal traffic in drugs amounts to more than two billions of dollars a year. In Chinatown, New York City, Federal agents recently confiscated 2,500,000 "Pink Pills" which were to have been sold to children to give the "dope" habit.

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Dr. Charles L. Barber recently said before the American Association for Medico-Physical Research:

*A baby born of a cigarette-smoking mother is sick. It is poisoned, and may die within two weeks of birth. The post-mortem shows degeneration of the liver, heart, and other organs. Sixty per cent of all babies born of mothers who are habitual cigarette smokers die before they are two years old."*

Mortality due to diseases of the arteries has increased 663 per cent in the past fifty years according to Dr. Haven Emerson of the Columbia University. The use of tobacco is an important factor in these statistics.

Dr. William J. Mayo recently said before a group of surgeons: "Gentlemen, it is customary, as we all know, to pass around cigars after dinner; but I shall not do it. I do not smoke, and I do not approve of smoking. If you will notice, you will see that the practice is going out among the ablest surgeons, the men at the top. No surgeon can afford to smoke."

Since 1932 the sale of whiskey has increased 248 per cent and the sale of beer 317 per cent. The womanhood of our time has become enslaved to the curse of the drink habit. *They will produce an offspring of physical, mental, moral, and spiritual degenerates who will drag our nation down into the mire and wreck it upon the shoals of lawlessness.*

## War Preparations

Man has made great progress in the realm of science but in future wars scientific knowledge plus mechanical ingenuity will threaten the very existence of the human race.

"The most appalling weapon of war ever devised by man, defying all defense and raining merciless death from the skies, is now being forged in secret in England," according to the *London Daily Mail*.

"This new war terror is a giant airplane torpedo operating without a crew, its engine and course controlled by clockwork, and its hull a mere receptacle for bombs. The clock work control is set beforehand to operate at a certain moment and a specific place. On arriving at the appointed moment, the engine stops and the whole machine with its deadly load crashes to the ground."

An Associated Press dispatch reports an invention made by Lester P. Barlow of Stamford, Connecticut, which will destroy cities or armies a thousand miles away. "He said existing methods of warfare, such as heavy-armoured battle-ships, would be of no avail against the weapon, which would place its possessor in undisputed command of military affairs."

The Japanese have perfected a torpedo which is guided by a human occupant who of course, is killed when the torpedo strikes its target. By means of this deadly instrument, every tor-

pedo destroys a ship and the ships of the seven seas could be destroyed in short order unless some method of defense can be found against this new terror.

Deadly gases which will penetrate any gas mask and phosphorous that will burn the flesh to the bone almost instantaneously are being made ready for the next war. Clothing and gas masks will afford no protection. More than 1,000 kinds of poison gases are now being manufactured.

British scientists are experimenting with a "life-death" ray, "capable of projecting bacteria emanations which will destroy humans, animals, and crops".

In *The Dawn*, August 15, 1936 we read, "The possibilities of the future far exceed the violence which compelled the destruction of humanity by the Flood. A single airplane (says a germ-war expert, Mr. J. M. deBarry) could carry sufficient botulinus toxin to destroy the entire population of the world."

Dr. Nikola Tesla, the noted inventor, according to a United Press dispatch, has announced the "invention of a super death ray — a man-made, invisible lightning streak of 56,000,000 volts capable of destroying an army without a trace . . . He said it could cause an army of 1,000,000 men to drop dead in its tracks; bring down a fleet of 10,000 airplanes at a distance of 250 miles; surround an entire country with an impenetrable, invisible 'Chinese Wall' making it safe forever against enemy attack; arm battleships with a new weapon of defense against hostile airplanes and enable them to sweep the seas."

## Prophecy Indicates Future

With gambling, robbery, drunkenness, kidnapping, murder, violence, atheism, blasphemy, lawlessness, and war on the increase, where are we headed?

We are plunging toward INTER-NATIONAL SUICIDE at break-neck speed and only one great event can prevent the complete annihilation of the entire human race. *That event is the coming of Christ in glory.*

Revelation 9:16-18 describes a war in which 200,000,000 soldiers will participate, one-third of the human race being killed. Revelation 16:14 indicates that this war will involve all nations. The nations, unknown to themselves, are now preparing for such a war.

Our Lord described conditions in the end of the age as follows: "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. AND EXCEPT THOSE DAYS SHOULD BE SHORTENED, THERE SHOULD NO FLESH BE SAVED" (Matt. 24: 21,22).

We have a plain statement here from the highest Authority in the universe that international suicide is averted only by the Lord's return in glory. He "shortens" the period of the Great Tribulation by coming to bind Satan, end war, and set up a kingdom of

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peace and righteousness in the earth.

Today the stage is being set for the coming and the coronation of the Antichrist. Our duty as Christians is to "witness" for Christ and *save people out of this sin-cursed world over which the doom of God's judgment hangs.*

There will be scoffers saying and singing, "Where is the promise of his coming? For as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be — world without end. Amen" (See II Peter 3:4).

But we, as believing saints, are numbered with a noble company. Enoch warned of impending judgment. Noah preached about the terrors of the approaching flood. Elijah kept the torch

of truth burning brightly in his dark day.

John the Baptist said, "The axe is laid unto the root of the trees". We are warning of the coming Great Tribulation. But the message of judgment is only to those who reject the truth. The way of escape is through faith in Christ.

As the dark clouds gather on the world's horizon let us go forth with the glorious message of salvation. Salvation is by grace through faith in the Christ Who died for our sins on Calvary's cross, Who arose from the dead, Who is alive today seated at the right hand of God interceding for His own, and Who is coming again to take the reins of government in righteousness. All who *will*, may accept Him and receive the gift of eternal life.

## The Rome-Berlin Axis Considered Prophetically

Gerald B. Winrod, D.D.

THE world is being divided into two camps — Jewish and Roman.

Communism is Jewish. Fascism is Roman. Communism is clay. Fascism is iron.

The Metal Image of the second chapter of Daniel anticipated the rise and fall of Gentile empires from Babylon to the time when a theocratic form of government would be set up at the Second Coming of Christ. The present hour finds the world in the feet of iron and clay.

"And the toes of the feet were part of iron and part of clay . . . And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay."

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"And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever" — Daniel 12:3.

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The weeping prophet was instructed to go "down to the potter's house" where a clay instrument was being produced. "And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter." Then Jeremiah explained that the vessel, thus despoiled, represented the "house of Israel".

History and prophecy provides for two types of Jews — (1) those who become apostates, and (2) a remnant who walk in the spiritual light which they possess.

The first group constitutes the *hard clay* Jews of the Scriptures, while the latter group is represented as *soft clay* — being shapeable in the hands of God the Potter. The heart cry of the faithful remnant is recorded in the words of Isaiah: "But now, O Lord, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand."

### Internationalism

Throughout the Bible, the Jews are identified with the *earth* in parabolic symbolism. Father Abraham was told that his descendants would be "as the sand upon the sea shore" and "as the dust of the earth".

But in every age, when the nation as a whole has gone away from God, there has always been a faithful remnant. This will be the case during the end-time of the present age. Isaiah 10:12: "For though thy people Israel be as the *sand of the sea*, yet a *remnant* of them shall return."

Communism is Jewish clay. It weakens the Gentile nations. It tears the foundations from beneath orderly government. It batters down the Church of Christ in every country where it gains the upper hand. It is international because it originates with the *international race*!

Visualize a giant octopus. See its brain located at Moscow. Out from the water animal there goes 57 tentacles. These long slimy arms are wrapped around the various nations of the world. There are 57 Communist parties in 57 different countries, all directed from the Jewish base of the "Communist International" in Moscow.

The center for red activities in America is at New York City. From this headquarters there goes out a program of subversion reaching into every part of the Country. Tons of literature are being circulated. Hundreds of organizations, often working under confusing and deceptive titles, have been thrown like a vast network across the Nation. Scores of Communist newspapers and magazines are being published for the purpose of generating class hatreds among our people.

Does it seem possible that a few *greasy Russians*, of the proletarian type, could be responsible for such a colossal program of international rebellion?

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## THE WHOLE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT IS ROOTED IN JEWISH INTELLECTUALISM AND JEWISH CAPITALISM.

Russians are NOT scattered over the world in sufficient numbers, to execute such a plan. And any way, most Russians outside of Russia despise Bolshevism because of the ruin it has brought upon their native land.

This red scheme of hate and anarchy reaches to the ends of the earth because of the world-wide proportions of Jewish dispersion in the present apostasy. The term "Russian Communism" is therefore a misnomer! The radical movement in the United States is a Jewish movement. And this is true in all parts of the world.

### America's Problem

Not all Jews are Communists. Good Jews, who deplore the sins of their apostate leaders, should condemn all forms of radicalism in no uncertain terms and thus avoid the wrath which must inevitably fall upon the plotters who are working for the destruction of Christian civilization.

All red propaganda is a means toward an end — the objective being physical, bloody revolution. M. J. Olgan, Jewish editor of the Communist *Morning Freiheit*, which is said to have 100,000 daily circulation, preaches terror and massacre in the following language:

"What is true is that a revolution can not win unless the armed forces, or at least part of them, join the workers. But once they join, the workers have not only rifles and cannon, but also airships and poison gas and battleships to fight the bosses. Poison gases are destructive, to be sure, but their destructive power can be turned also against the old system. Having crushed the capitalist state, the social revolution, acting through armed workers and soldiers, will establish the Soviet state as the instrument of the workers' and poor farmers' power."

Iron Fascism, arising in the Roman Empire, is being diffused throughout the world as an antidote for Communism.

When red propaganda succeeds in warping the minds of a sufficient number of people, it hurls that nation into physical convulsions.

Then the pendulum swings to the opposite extreme, and a Fascist dic-

tatorship is the result. This has happened in Italy, Germany, Greece and Spain. It is happening in France, England, Belgium, Poland and the Balkan countries. It is happening in Northern Africa and the Near East. It is happening in South America, notably Brazil.

It will happen in the United States unless Communism is quickly stamped out and the crazy trends toward dictatorship inaugurated by the New Deal, are reversed.

*When America settles her Communist problem there will be no Fascism to worry about!*

Christians and patriots should exert every effort to help our Country to remain on the happy road of CONSTITUTIONAL DEMOCRACY.

### Mediterranean Crisis Foretold

Italy, Germany and Japan have banded themselves together to keep Communism within the borders of Soviet Russia. This effort recently reached a dramatic climax when Mussolini paid a personal visit to Hitler.

As the Italian Superman left Rome for Berlin, he made this announcement: "My visit to Germany is wholly a matter of the heart. The two peoples will clasp hands and march side by side in the future, for the future belongs to us."

At that time, Fascist submarines were conducting pirate attacks in Mediterranean waters, reminding all nations of Italy's determination to dominate the Great Sea. The old Roman Empire completely surrounded the Mediterranean and it was therefore called a "Roman lake". Like the Caesars of old, Mussolini calls it "my Sea".

For centuries, the best thinkers on prophetic subjects have agreed that the closing period of this age would witness a major Mediterranean crisis which would culminate in the restoration of Rome. Books by leading Bible expositors, written long ago, deal with this matter. Sir Isaac Newton wrote a lengthy treatise on these subjects.

We find a clear reference to the revival of Roman power in Revelation 13:1, "And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy." The "sea" of this passage obviously refers to the Mediterranean.

The new Italian power, rising in the world as the Roman beast reincarnated, comes "out" of the Sea, since boot-shaped Italy extends deep into Mediterranean waters.

Considering the foregoing facts, press dispatches like the following from Rome, become very significant:

"Entrance of the Soviet warships into the Mediterranean, said Italian official sources, would set a precedent which would be regarded by Italy and Germany as an extension of Communist power into western Europe.

"The British and French appear to forget that Italy is the one most vitally concerned in this matter," said one highly placed spokesman. "The Mediterranean is our sea — our life!

"Italy is the dominant power in the Mediterranean."

### Rome and Berlin

Political expediency has driven Hitler and Mussolini together. Communist revolutionary activities and attempts by international Jewry to gain control of these nations, are responsible for the existence of Fascist governments in both countries. But behind the Rome-Berlin axis, there are deep Teuton and Latin antagonisms which render permanent collaboration exceedingly doubtful.

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## AXIS.

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Mussolini's welcome to Berlin was a glamorous occasion. The streets were appropriately decorated with 40,000 square yards of bunting, tied with more than seven miles of gold ribbon. Huge gilt M's (reminding us that Napoleon, who tried in his day to revive Rome, always used the first letter of his name, N) appeared everywhere.

But *Newsweek* reports: "Even amid this lavishness of good fellowship, the personal strain between the two dictators was discernible."

Leon Trotsky-Bronstein, the Red Jewish exile, prepared a recent statement on political trends, from his home in Mexico. Arch-criminal and inhuman beast that he is, Trotsky knows world affairs and has access to subterranean sources available to few men.

He says: "For his part, Mussolini may, and in all probability will, betray Hitler, as the Italian government in 1924 betrayed Hohenzollern and Hapsburg. 'Sacred egoism' will triumph in the relation between the Fascist countries, too.

"The totalitarian state is best fitted to the nature of present-day 'totalitarian' war. But this means only that the present democracies will, during the next world war and possibly even on its eve, inevitably approach or even give way to Fascism."

There are many reasons—racial, political, religious, geographical and prophetic—why the Rome-Berlin axis can not be permanent. But for the present it helps Italy in carrying forward her dream of Rome's revival. It helps Germany in her solution of the Communist problem.

But strange as it may seem, the future of the German people is sure to be interwoven with the people of Russia. In other words, Hitler faces East, while Mussolini faces West.

One of two things must ultimately occur, according to prophetic analysis: The Reds will sweep over Germany and force the rim of their government to the borders of France. . . . Or the

Swastika will be carried to Moscow in a powerful frontal attack while Japan pushes in from the East.

The down trodden masses of Russia, bleeding and lacerated from the Jewish doctrine of *internationalism*; hounded by the brutal secret police and spy system which keeps the Jewish autocrats in power—if Hitler ever strikes, and the Moscow dictatorship wavers the least bit, the Russian people will rise up against their rulers, and the outcome will be the sorriest day that Russian Jewry has ever known!

The "land of Magog" described in Ezekiel 38:1-6 is Russia. We know this to be the case for the reason that the Hebrew word translated "chief" is a proper noun, *Rosh*—Russia. Meshach in the passage is Moscow. Tubal is Tobolsk. Gomer of the passage means Germany; Gog and Germany will

be standing together during the closing scenes of the age.

The name Caucasus originates from the words Gog and Chasan—meaning "Gog's fortified place". This range of mountains is therefore a fort for the armies of Gog. There can be no question but what Ezekiel's prophecy refers to modern Russia.

A great war lord, supreme over the coming "Northern Confederacy", is destined to rule from Moscow. *He must be anti-Semitic in character for the reason that Ezekiel's prophecy describes him as leading the later attack upon Palestine from the north and east.*

These demands would be abundantly satisfied if the Nazi regime were carried into Russia during the coming war against Bolshevism.

## Paul in Damascus

Special Defender Correspondent in the Holy Land

HAVING been a resident of Hauran for three and a half years, and later a resident of Damascus the same number of years, I am constrained to offer this version of the history of Paul's conversion and earlier ministry.

Damascus being a city of abounding interest, from both a religious and political standpoint, is rich in sacred evidences of the historical rise of Christianity, of which so much clusters around the experience of the Apostle Paul during those eventful years subsequent to his conversion on the road to Damascus.

The first triumph of the foes of Christianity, indicated by the martyrdom of Stephen, gave the signal for general persecution, into which Saul entered with the fiercest zeal, committing men and women alike to prison, scourging them in the synagogues, and

trying to make them blaspheme the name of Christ.

The result was a general dispersion of the disciples from Jerusalem. "They that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the Word."

Knowing well the Bible narrative, it is not strange that I should long to traverse the highway that Paul must have necessarily travelled in order to enter the city at the west end of the street called *Straight*.

The route that he took is very much the same as that travelled today—Jerusalem, Nabious, Tiberias, skirting the sea on the West, then crossing the upper Jordan about two miles below Lake Merom, to El-Kuneitra, only ten miles to the south of Mount Hermon, thence bearing northwest into the flat unsettled region east of that noble Sion.

For miles in every direction is the same charm indicated—the same golden, grass-covered, slightly undulating plain; not a house, not a shepherd with his flocks, not a plow has ever turned the soil! And what a stillness reigns over all! God, the Infinite Creator, has added a supernatural charm to serve a far-reaching purpose.

Who knows but that Paul was converted in this very plain on his way to Damascus, with the express purpose of bringing Christians bound to Jerusalem, since he had for a long time been breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord.

"And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven." Then followed Paul's dramatic conversion and empowering with the Holy Spirit, the widening effects of his ministry being experienced in all nations to this day; though Paul was martyred after his prolonged imprisonment in Rome, his material extinction could not stay the tide of God's witnessing power through him.

*"Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; and them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body." Hebrews 13:3.*

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## Saul's Conversion

"Being exceedingly mad against them", Paul personally sought and obtained letters of the High Priest officiating in the Damascus synagogues, to enable him to seize and bring bound to Jerusalem any who embraced the Lord's teachings, whether men or women. In the absence of the Roman procurator, the Pharisees and Sadducees blended their common hatred, and usurped the power of life and death.

Paul and his company had almost completed their journey across this wonderful level plateau east of Hermon, when a supernatural brightness, above the brightness of the noonday sun enveloped him and his escorts. It was Paul alone who was struck blind by the light, and Paul alone that beheld the vision of the Son of God amidst the light.

Certain divines argue that Paul only had an impression like a phantasma induced by the glare of a Syrian midday sun. But Ananias who came to Paul affirmed that it was "the Lord Jesus who appeared unto thee in the way. . . . that thou shouldest see the Just One".

And Paul himself challenges "Have not I seen Jesus Christ our Lord?" I Cor. 9:1. "He was seen of me also as one born out of due season." I Cor. 15:8. These assertions forever disprove the thesis of the psycho-mystic schools that Jesus is not a personal Savior, but reveals Himself only as a divine principle.

Paul's companions, after their more immediate recovery, arose and "stood speechless, hearing a Voice, but seeing no man."

They could not distinguish the articulate Voice that conversed with Paul, and which so unmistakably removed the prejudice and ignorance which blinded him.

## The Street Called Straight

Paul rose from the ground and opened his eyes, but he could not see for the glory of that light. His companions took him by the hand and led him to Damascus, and in the street called Straight, Paul became the guest of one called Judas, who possibly was one of the chiefs of the disciples whom he came to persecute.

Of the communion with his new found Master during his three days of darkness and fasting we have only the simple record, "Behold he prayeth!" which shows him in a fit attitude to receive the consoling mission of Ananias who salutes Paul as a brother, for he had seen in a vision "A man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight".

While the street called Straight is not architecturally beautiful, all along its course can be seen traces of the colonnade which graced it in the time of Paul. The position of the columns indicate that the street was once considerably wider than it is now. It still bears the name Derb-el-Mustakim, or Road Made Straight.

The routine of daily life in this street

is not materially changed since the days of the Patriarchs. Being celebrated for its wares, Damascus has been and will always be a city of absorbing interest to students of history and the Bible.

The Biblical allusions to this great capital are numerous. There is probably no city in the world where one can see such an assemblage of visitors in the varied attires of the Eastern world.

From before the time of Christ the bazaars have been famous for the variety, beauty and costliness of the display of Oriental goods imported from all the surrounding countries of the Near East.

There are bazaars respectively of silk, saddles, fez, wood carvings, silver and gold, with their beautiful filigree work in course of manufacture, copper, boots and shoes, and an endless var-

iety of wares, each occupying a small shop in which the article is being manufactured on the spot.

There are also "market days" in which the crowds are enormous. One may then see to advantage Persians in gorgeous silks; Nubians in black and white, Jews in a variety of costumes; Bedouins with most striking costumes distinctive of their respective tribes; the wide turbaned merchant from Afghanistan; the Cossack from the Caucasus; the pilgrims from India; the square skull capped, sun-dried men from Hadramaut; the stately dominant Druze in equally as stately garb, and a sprinkling of many other races wearing strange apparel — not to mention the numerous visitors from Western countries who may be seen thronging the bazaars almost every day.

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PAUL.

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## Paul's Basket Experience

Outside of the ancient wall which still surrounds part of the city not far from the East Gate (Bab-esh-Sherki) is the traditional spot where Paul was let down through the window and escaped.

At this point is the closed gate Bab-Kisan, which for 730 years has never been opened to traffic. Near to this gate is a picturesque tomb under a mammoth tree, which is said to be the sepulchre of St. George who assisted Paul to escape and perished as a consequence.

Near the gate Bab-Kisan there is a dwelling, parts of which display ancient masonry, and a very ancient window projecting over the high stone wall. This is pointed out as being the very window from which Paul was let down in a basket.

I can readily believe the Bible narrative concerning the basket experience of Paul, since one can see in nearly every Eastern home to this day strongly made straw baskets, of a sufficient size to hold a man safely while being lowered from an elevated position.

From this projecting window in the traditional spot above the high Damascus wall, the feat could easily be accomplished, the only hazard being the possibility of a broken rope, or of hands becoming weak in the task of lowering.

I accept the traditional spot as the very one recorded in Scriptures. The wall is evidently the same that formed the southeastern boundary of the city in the time of David. (II Sam. 8:6).

"David put garrisons in Syria of Damascus; and the Syrians became servants of David, and brought gifts."

## Enchanting Landscape

Cuneiform inscriptions and types of architecture in the walls and gates of Damascus reveal an antiquity that dates back to the earliest history of Western Asia. It is Josephus in his (Ant. 1:6) who records that Damascus was founded by Uz, the son of Aram, and grandson of Shem, but it is first mentioned in Scripture in connection with Abraham, whose steward was a native of that place. (Gen. 15:2)

There is no doubt that Paul took note of the brilliant forms of Oriental life before being driven from Damascus.

From the upper chamber of his dwelling he could look out upon the expanse of enchanting landscape, the picturesque gardens, studded with groves of fruit and ornamental trees; the clinging vines and roses among the tangled shrubbery; the stately date palms and blossoming almond orchards; hear the murmur of the rippling streams and bubbling fountains; scent the delicate odors of oriental flowers borne upon the balmy winds.

A stone's throw to his rear, he could hear the noise of city traffic; the stream of caravans from Bagdad, Teheran, Sind, Egypt, Mecca, Caucasus, Arabia; and from the costal regions of Phoenicia and Philistine. The shouts of the porters in the khans — ceaseless sounds of traffic.

"Syria was thy merchant by reason of the multitude of the wares of thy making: they occupied in thy fairs with emeralds, purple and broilded work, and fine linen and coral, and agate." (Eze. 27:16) "Damascus was thy merchant in the multitude of the wares of thy making, for the multitude of all riches; in the wine of Helbon, and white wool." (Eze. 27:18)

Having successfully eluded his persecutors who lay in wait to kill him, Paul now journeyed to Jerusalem with the object of forming Peter's acquaintance and "to enquire" of Peter whom he had come to regard as the chief of the Apostles.

## The Righteous Are Bold

The boldness and fortitude of the Apostle Paul under trial has been a commendable example unto all Christians for all time. It was his bold and uncompromising preaching at Damascus that incited the Jews to attempt his assassination. After his visit to Jerusalem with equal boldness he now began to dispute with the Hellenists; and he was only saved from Stephen's fate through being hastily escorted by his brethren to Caesarea, whence he sailed for Tarsus.

Paul has spent only fifteen days at Jerusalem as the guest of Peter, and it becomes a question of deep interest to know if this conference took place before or after the time that Peter had promulgated the doctrine of *free grace* to the Gentiles by the conversion of Cornelius and his household. How far had the discussion of Kingdom truths by these two giants of faith aided in opening up to one another's mind the plan of God for the Gospel dispensation and the evangelization of all nations?

As Paul was praying in the temple, he came under the Spirit's control and for the second time beheld a vision of the Lord, Who bade him to make haste and depart from Jerusalem, "for they will not receive thy testimony concerning me".

This statement recounted by Paul in his defense, after being taken in chains by the chief captain, did not tend to calm the temper of the Jews who had thronged to hear the words of the prisoner, and they lifted up their voices and said "Away with such a fellow from the earth: for it is not fit that he should live."

## The Mystery of Grace

Then came a series of harrowing experiences into the life of the Apostle which culminated in his being taken as a prisoner to Rome. The reader is undoubtedly acquainted with the Scriptural account of Paul's enforced pilgrimage to Italy, recorded in the Acts of the Apostles, and of his successful ministry in the household of Caesar, and it was while here that his marvelous prison Epistles were written — Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians — which have been the mainstay of clear revelation on the indwelling presence of Christ to the believers down through the interval of centuries.

"Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ." (Eph. 3:8,9)

"Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory." (Col. 1:26,27)

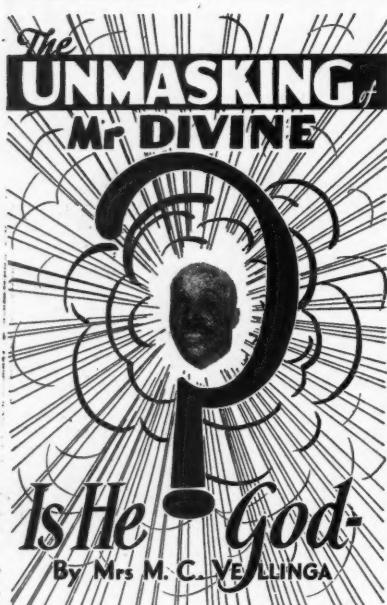
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## A Plain Man Sees Roosevelt

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IN THE late summer of 1927 I visited my boyhood home in the state of New York.

In a conversation with a chum of earlier days, I remarked: "Out West we hear that some are backing your Governor, Franklin Roosevelt, for the presidency in the coming campaign."

"Yes, but no one here takes it seriously. Mr. Roosevelt doesn't possess the qualities to make a good president. What has he accomplished in two terms as Governor of New York? There has been a lot of flashy talk and showmanship, but no one can point to any constructive permanent achievements. He is generally regarded as a 'front' for certain interests. It would be just too bad for the Country if he should actually become President."

I was astonished, for I was listening to a scion of one of the oldest Democratic families in the country, a man high in the circles of his party, in New York State.

During these years when the new deal has done so many inconsistent things, toying with the people's liberties, playing recklessly with powder barrels, creating class hatreds, stirring racial and religious prejudices — I have often thought of this conversation.

*"The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ."*

In the whole catalogue of new deal activities against the Christian institutions which right-thinking Americans have been 150 years building up, none stands out more heinously than Roosevelt's act of establishing diplomatic relations with Soviet Russia.

Over the protest of tens of thousands of Christian men and women, including numerous Protestant congregations who adopted and sent resolutions to Washington, the fatal step was taken.

Litvinoff-Finkelstein was welcomed with open arms to the White House. Official recognition was granted the alien rulers of Moscow, as if they truly represented the Russian people. And

the day Roosevelt did this, he threw a mantle of respectability around atheistic Communism and strengthened its drive toward world revolution to an extent that simply can not be calculated.

Are the same international interests behind him which are enslaving the Russian masses? One of his first official acts was to extend an open hand to Moscow. This fact causes a plain man to wonder!

*"Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire."*

This is no time for silly drivel. The crisis, brought upon our Nation by wicked deeds which violate the laws of God, demands plain speaking. I have utmost respect for the office of the presidency, and I am sure I voice the feeling of millions of loyal Americans, when I pray: "Oh God, give us from the ranks of our common people, a true Christian to occupy the seat of Washington, Jefferson and Lincoln in the White House." . . .

I recalled the conversation with my New York friend when, within four hours after taking the oath of office on March 4, 1933, Roosevelt took drastic action, closing the stock exchanges, thus shutting the doors of every bank in the Country.

Without doubt, that particular action was necessary, but it started a plain man thinking. Why had he waited so long to act?

The plans must have been worked

out weeks ahead of the inauguration. Without doubt, several men high in legal and financial circles had been closeted to secretly prepare such a program, so vast in comprehensiveness and minute in detail.

Immediately the new president was hailed as a "titan" and "saviour" of the people. It is doubtful that he had personally made any valuable contribution to the program other than to suggest the strategy of its application. He was, to all appearances, a "front", giving focus and executive finesse to a procedure proposed by the financial barons who had backed him for office.

From the moment the Democratic nominee was informed of his nomination and followed the advice of shrewd advisers, adepts in mass psychology, and flew to the Convention at Chicago, to this minute, every move has been made with astuteness to create effects, to stir emotions, to keep people watching fireworks so that they will have no time to question or to think!

If untoward things occurred, a new and bigger sky-rocket was sent up. While the people "Oh'ed and Ah'ed", they forgot to think.

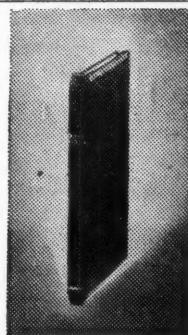
This plain man wondered who, when the whole Nation was shocked by revelations concerning Justice Black, suggested to the president that it would be a superb move to divert the attention of the people by the electric shock of his war talk proposing to end the Na-

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## PLAIN MAN.

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tion's neutrality, delivered at Chicago. We were told that his address had been prepared some time before, to be given when the opportune moment arrived. It certainly proved opportune when the Country was talking about Black, as have been many like moves to get away from thin ice. Similar incidents have occurred many times in the past five years.

Is the president fundamentally dishonest? This is a horrible thought for Americans to harbor. But, in the light of the tricks, arts and schemes used to confuse and befuddle the popular mind, when great and sober issues have been at stake, the plain man is caused to wonder.

*"For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows."*

The president had the power for years, as the Governor of New York State, to correct the abuses of Wall Street which resulted in economic disaster to the Nation, had he really wanted to do so . . .

When the situation in Wall Street in 1928 and 1929, became dangerous, many thoughtful people lifted their voices in warning, but there was nothing effective that officials in Washington could do about it. There were no federal laws adequate to deal with the emergency.

The sinister Federal Reserve System played the Wall Street game and allowed thousands of banks to loan funds on deposit, to get their share of the high interest rates on short term loans used in "playing the street".

Then without warning, these same banking officials raised the interest

rate, and the crash came. But months before it came, at the peak of America's greatest apparent prosperity, some officials in Washington are reported to have ordered bank-examiners to see that loans throughout the Country made on reality collateral should be reduced from 60 to 40 per cent. To a plain man, it appeared that *some* men on the inside knew that the "crash" was coming, and *some* men in high councils were prepared to "sell the nation short" and did it and reaped enormous fortunes.

During this time, there sat in the Governor's chair in Albany, a man who is now publicized by his political henchmen as "a gallant leader". By his side was a Jewish gentleman whom he called "My right arm". That man was Lieutenant Governor Lehman, one of the partners of Lehman Brothers, an international banking, bond and investment brokerage house, second to none in size in the Nation. Mr. Roosevelt himself, for years had been a partner in a law firm doing business in the high financial circles of New York.

If Franklin Roosevelt did not know what was going on in Wall Street during the pre-depression period when the American people were being prepared for the "sheering" and "skinning", he was an intellectual nincompoop.

*"And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil."*

If, as an international money changer and speculator in other people's finances, incurring for them huge losses (as in his "United European Investors" and "Camco" ventures), he knew what was happening in Wall Street, and as Governor, did nothing about it — What shall the plain man think?

Those who are informed, know that up to the crash, Wall Street conducted its business under a charter and laws granted and passed by the Legislature of New York. The Federal Government had no effective method by which it could intervene without interfering with business conducted wholly within the State of New York and under laws of that Commonwealth.

Yet, we can find no record that at any time, Governor Roosevelt raised his voice or his hand to prevent what he must have known was planned, with the result that billions of capital and savings of the American people were taken from them. This money was NOT "lost". Every dollar was properly

looked after, and went right where it was intended to go. It went out of the hands of the many, into the strong boxes of a few.

The only man who could have demanded and got legislation, that would have prevented the "skinning" of the American people, did nothing.

But some one asks: "What could he have done?" Well, after the skinning, when the money was gone, this man came forward with a great plan and program to save the Nation. If he was wise enough to do what he did in 1933, the plain man wonders why he didn't do it in 1928 or 1929 while he was Governor of New York State!

If, he did not actually have the power, he could have asked for it just as he later asked for unlimited power of the National Legislature. No one doubts that the Legislature at Albany would have followed his leadership in the emergency then existing.

*"Woe unto him that giveth his neighbour drink, that putteth thy bottle to him, and maketh him drunken".*

There are other things that cause the plain man to wonder. . . .

What is the president going to do when he faces Almighty God after forcefully abetting the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment and letting loose a flood of booze, over the land, with few if any effective restraints?

When I was a boy, men drank behind screened windows and women in back rooms. Now the same old "booze" is as common as soda water, guzzled in any public place and hard liquor is quaffed in environment suited to disarm the unwary. The results are identically the same as when in the old days men drank the stuff with their feet on brass rails in stinking saloons.

And, for that matter, the filthy old saloons, brass rails and all, are back. The Nation is simply drinking itself crazy. The Church of Jesus Christ points its finger at Franklin Roosevelt and says: "Thou art the man!" It correctly accuses him of being responsible for restoring this traffic to power, which prospers on the destruction of its patrons, than any other single human being.

Fireworks and flashy, pretentious maneuverings may divert the people for a while. But the hour has now come for statesmanship of the first magnitude.

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CHRISTIANITY has always appealed, pre-eminently, to the youth of the race. The young nations of the world are the Christian nations.

The Anglo-Saxon peoples were in their infancy, undeveloped and uncivilized, when Jesus Christ walked upon earth. His message never struck home to the old civilizations of the Orient; Christianity is a *dynamic* faith which has little appeal for a *static* people old and set in their ways.

It was among the young, progressive, energetic, virile peoples of the Western world that Christianity took root. It was this new, this young, civilization of the West which found in the dynamic Christian faith a counterpart of its own dynamic drive toward progress.

The liberty-loving peoples are the Christian nations; the progressive peoples are the Christian nations. The peoples with a spirit and a soul — a spirit young and vibrant, a soul aspiring to spiritual things with the enthusiasm of youth — among such peoples, Christianity was welcomed as an answer to the deepest aspirations of the race.

## Natural Appeal to Youth

Jesus had completed His ministry among men, climaxed by His supreme sacrifice upon the Cross, at the early age of thirty-three.

He put an inestimable value upon childhood — "suffer little children to come unto Me". Christ did not esteem the learning and the wisdom, the philosophy and experience, of the world. It was the qualities of youth — a pure heart, an innocent mind, unsullied of the world, that He esteemed: "Ye must become as little children." To be a Christian, one must cast aside the worldly experiences that come with age; one must become a child again, must regain the innocence and enthusiasm, the idealism and guilelessness, which belong to youth.

The Apostle Paul recognized that Christianity is, pre-eminently, a young man's faith. Paul knew that the "wise old men" of the world, the learned

scholars and philosophers, puffed up with their worldly wisdom, old and set in their ways, would never heed the message of the youthful Galilean. He warned Timothy: "Let no man despise thy youth." Christianity was to be a faith of and for young people, young nations, young civilizations — in revolt against ancient systems and ways of life.

It is because of Christianity's natural appeal to youth that the anti-Christian forces of the world today are centering their poisonous propaganda on young people, in a supreme effort to lead them away from their obvious place within the fold of Christ. Doddering and decrepid professors are spreading the libelous fallacy that Christianity is a faith for "old men", unsuited to the needs of "modern youth", unsuited to the demands of the "modern world".

Not long ago, I attended a large conference of Christian young people. The principal speaker was a leading Modernist, borrowed from a "liberal" church school. An old man, past seventy, he had become very "liberal" and "modern" in his second childhood!

He presumed to tell the young people that fundamental Christianity is out-of-date. He said it is a "reactionary" faith, going so far as to call the fundamental faith "a worn-out creed, fossilized in the past". As I listened to the aged professor I could not help but think, "He may be worn-out; indeed, he is an old fossil. Because he is worn-out and fossilized, he thinks the faith of his youth is. But he is wrong. The fundamental faith is as young and strong, as eternally youthful and as eternally true, as its Founder — Who sits now in undimming glory at the right side of the Father in heaven."

There is an old and true saying that "all seems yellow to the jaundiced eye". All seems old and decrepid, perhaps, to certain Modernist professors who have outlived their usefulness themselves. Hence, they turn their backs upon the faith of their fathers, the faith of their youth. In their second childhood, they seek to become "liberal" and "modern".

## Facing the Future

Men cannot, and should not try to, "modernize" the Christian faith. It

must "modernize" and "renovate" and regenerate them! Man must be born again, must be truly "modernized" and "re-created" by the living Savior. We cannot bring the dead Jesus up-to-date. The risen Christ must bring us up-to-date, must give us understanding of this modern world. We must live in Him.

Modernism is NOT a *living* faith; it is dead dogma. It is not a modern faith; it is a backward, fossilized faith. It is not a progressive faith; it is a reactionary faith. Modernism either doubts or denies the Resurrection. Modernists say that the bones of Jesus now lie in a Syrian grave.

Modernists look backward two thousand years to bones in a tomb. They look backward two thousand years to a "leader" whose lifeless remains are now mixed with Caesar's clay. Like Lot's wife, Modernism is frozen, fossilized, in an eternally backward look.

Fundamental Christianity, alone, is a truly modern, truly progressive faith. IT ALONE IS A FORWARD-LOOKING FAITH. Fundamental Christians look backward to an empty tomb, upward to a risen and reigning Christ, and forward to a Christ who is coming again. Any faith which denies the Second Coming, the imminent return to earth of Christ, is a reactionary faith; it is frozen in the past. It does not — it cannot — look forward into the future.

The future belongs to youth; and youth belongs to the future. Intelligent young people *must* look forward into the future. They must have a faith which explains and reveals the future, which is centered in the future. Youth demands a "futuristic" faith;

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## YOUTH.

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and fundamental Christianity alone supplies this need.

Youth requires a living Leader, who will guide them through the future. **THEY HAVE SUCH A LEADER IN THE LIVING CHRIST.** Modernists profess to follow the "leadership" of Jesus. But, according to the Modernists, Jesus is two thousand years dead. Modernism is similar to Chinese ancestor worship; it looks backwards to "leadership" long since dead and buried.

Modernism is a *defeatist*, not a victorious faith. If Jesus did not rise from the dead, He was the greatest failure in all history. Jesus promised that He would overcome the grave. The Modernists say that He tried, but failed. Their faith is a faith in failure, in defeat. Youth can have faith only in victory. Youth requires faith in the risen Christ, Who promised to overcome the grave — and Who DID overcome the tomb. The victorious faith must be a faith in the victorious Christ.

## Thinking Youth's Need

Modernism has been weighed in the balances and found wanting. It stands bankrupt before the modern world. Modernism is "old stuff". A generation or two ago, it was a reigning style or "fad". It was espoused by great intellects and defended by learned scholars. But even they could not rear an enduring faith upon the quicksands of doubt, disbelief, and defeatism.

As Ingersoll, with his bewitching eloquence, was able to popularize agnos-

ticism for a time; so famed Modernists, with their sophistical scholarship, were able to make Modernism fashionable for a time. But fads in fallacy do not last — only Eternal Truth endures.

Today, agnosticism and Modernism are sterile and lifeless. The medicine men of Modernist seminaries are continually plastering new and deceptive labels upon the old bottles containing the putrid poisons of "liberal" religion. But the intelligent youth is not fooled. Stuffy old professors and "smart" middle-aged professors, fossilized in 19th century Modernism, try to palm their bankrupt stock of shoddy propaganda off on the youth of the land. But sensible young people do not "fall for it".

Youth today looks out over the chaotic and war-torn world. Young people see democracy crumbling under the iron heel of dictatorship. They witness the collapse of civilization under a rising tide of Red Terror. They see chaos engulfing the modern world. **AND THEY WANT A FAITH WHICH TAKES CARE OF THIS SITUATION.**

They want a faith which supplies leadership through world chaos. They want a faith which gives understanding and direction — which points the "way out". They want a faith centered in the future — in Christ's coming again.

A few years ago, youth was cocksure. He thought he knew "all the answers". He thought science and scholarship could supply him with "all the answers". Today, he knows that he does not know. He knows that science and scholarship do not know — do not understand this modern world.

He knows that it is futile to look to education through engulfing chaos. He knows that there is just one faith which can supply "all the answers", and that is the fundamental Christian faith. He knows that this alone is "futuristic", is progressive, is adequate.

The fundamental Christian faith, as I have pointed out in my new book, *Thinking Youth's Greatest Need*, "is the faith which youth needs, which youth requires, which the modern age demands. With this faith, the future holds no terrors. With this faith, there is a future in the midst of a futureless world. There is security in the midst of insecurity. There is comfort in the midst of chaos. There is light in the midst of darkness. There is purpose in the midst of purposelessness. There is fulfillment in the midst of frustration. There is salvation in the midst of destruction.

"This is the faith which will give youth a future, when there is no future; which will give him victory, when there is no victory; hope, when there is no hope; success, when there is only failure; life, when there is only death. This is a faith for the future, and for the present. There is a faith which is truly modern, eternally modern; it can never become out-moded, it can never go out-of-date. **THIS IS A FAITH FOR TOMORROW — AND FOR TODAY!"**

## Christ Loves Youth

*As it was in the beginning — so shall it be.* In the beginning, Christianity was given to the world by a Young Man, the youthful Galilean. The hard-headed, fossilized, old peoples and nations of the East spurned this new faith. It was among the young virile Anglo-Saxon peoples, the "baby" race of the world, that the heavenly fire spread.

It was the flower of the world's youth that upheld the standard of Christ during the period of the Great Crusades. In the period of its rise and growth, Christianity was the faith of youth — of young people, of young races, of young nations, of young civilizations.

Will it be so in the approaching end times? Will youth again carry the standard of Christianity aloft, in defiance of decadent age and decrepid professors? Will the young men now in our universities and seminaries rise in revolt against the miseducation and misleadership of fossilized professors frozen in their fossilized Modernism? Will a great revival be led by young people who can "see through" the apostate propaganda of reactionary "liberals"?

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Modernists are largely in the "saddle"; they control most of our secular universities and many of our seminaries. They are seeking to array youth against Christ. Today, youth has an opportunity to revolt against this misleadership, this Satanic "set-up".

Youth has more than the opportunity, he has the definite calling, to summon the boundless energy and overwhelming enthusiasm which belong to youth, and raise again the standard of Christ against His detractors.

death for those whom he loves. It is not a deed of suicide for one to give his life for others, to rescue them from danger of the threat of death. For this reason, Christ shall be rather crowned for His mercy and love, than to be punished for committing suicide.

### III.

After hearing that answer, Xenos

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## How a Jew Accepted The Christmas Story

IN THE year 1440 A.D., George Frantzes, a Greek historian, wrote the story of the conversion of a Jew named Xenos who was led to see the light of Christian truth by Emperor John Palaeologos.

The name Palaeologos first appears in history about the middle of the eleventh century. From the family there came a succession of Kings who ruled the Byzantine Empire.

A free translation of the document by Frantzes regarding the spiritual illumination of Xenos follows ~~~~~

On September 5, 1440, my master the King John Palaeologos, passed from the town Patras, and by land went to the town Evripos, in Euboea. I was with the King. We entered a Venetian ship at the town Karystos.

In the same vessel there was a Cardinal relative to the Pope of Rome named Evgenios. We reached Constantinople on September 24th.

A notable conversation took place during the voyage, between King John and a Jew called Xenos who afterwards became a Christian and was baptized under the name of Emmanuel. I now give the record of the debate in which the Jew's heart and mind were turned to believe on Christ.

### I.

Xenos opened the conversation with the question — How was it possible for Mary to give birth to a son, she being a Virgin?

The King answered — How was it

possible for Adam to give birth to Eve without a woman? And how blossomed the earth without seed?

How gushed forth the waters from the stone (in Moses' time)? How did the rod of Aaron bud? How came manna down from heaven? How was the meal in the jar multiplied? How fell the dew on Gideon's fleece of wool? How were the three Hebrew children unburned in the furnace heat? How was Elijah not consumed when he entered the chariot of fire? How did Isaiah see the Lord sitting upon a high throne? How did Daniel interpret the hidden dream to Nebuchadnezzar? How do the heavens hold the stars without being supported? How does the night give birth to the day?

If you shall interpret to me the above question, said the King, then I will know that you understand also the birth of a child from a Virgin.

### II.

Then the Jew opened his mouth asked another question — You say that Christ voluntarily died and of His own will, and was not compelled to die by force; then we can very reasonably suppose that He committed suicide or killed Himself, and for this reason is deserving to be under spiritual punishment and severe penalty.

From the King there came a reply — Oh! Xenos, there is much difference between giving one's life and to commit the act of suicide. But I have no astonishment at your lack of understanding.

A killer of himself takes his life by his own hands but this is far different from the one who sacrifices to



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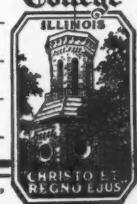
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questioned once again — How many terrible things are caused by falsehoods! The prophet did not say that a "Virgin" would bear a son, but that a "Damsel" would do it. The prophecy states that a Damsel shall bring forth after being with a man. But you Christians, to support your monstrous opinions, translate wrong the words of our prophet and mistake the meaning of his writings. Who is he that ever heard such giddiness in all ages, that a Virgin gave birth to a child? Show me one man, in all history, who can say that he had no man to be his father, and I shall contradict you no more.

To this the King replied — You are really saying, show only one other God descended from heaven wearing on Himself flesh and you will believe the words about Christ's Virgin birth. You have promised to believe if anyone will demonstrate another example of this great thing.

But there is only one true God. How do you then demand another supernatural birth when your own Scriptures teach there to be but one God? You must accept the fact of one Virgin birth because there are not two gods to come down from earth.

Or, if you do not want to accept the fact, then we shall lay it aside, and you must show me how Moses enabled your fathers to pass through the Red Sea, and made water to gush from a stone that all the people were satisfied. And how the Ark, held up by the priests, caused the flood of the waters of Jordan to stop, so the people could walk on Jordan's river bed; and how Israel by shouting made the walls of Jericho to crumble. Do you think, and do you want to say, that all these things were accomplished according to the law of nature? No! Not at all!

But if all these deeds were done supernaturally, then neither can the miracle of the Virgin birth be doubted on the grounds that it is not in accordance with the natural laws. For the unbelief of your people and seeing their disobedience and stiffneckedness the prophet Isaiah stigmatized you saying: "I have spread out my hands all the day unto a rebellious people."

But let us consider this prophecy a little more to see better what Isaiah had in mind and about which things he was prophesying.

Isaiah says the following: "Moreover the Lord spake again unto Ahaz, saying, Ask thee a sign of the Lord thy God; ask it either in the depth, or in the height above. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, neither will I tempt the Lord. And he said, Hear ye now, O house of David; Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will ye weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good."

Now, let us start again from the beginning, and repeating the words little by little, consider the true meaning of the prophecy.

"The Lord spake again unto Ahaz, saying, Ask thee a sign of the Lord thy God; ask it either in depth, or in the height above. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, neither will I tempt the Lord."

It is most reasonable now to examine first the reason for Ahaz refusing to obey such a decree; why did he not want to do those things that were commanded of God.

The only excuse we can find for his attitude, is that he must have at times heard the teachings of false prophets to dull his mind and make him lazy and sleepy and sluggish so that he could have no interest in a great revelation from God.

For this reason Isaiah, as if reproaching the impudence of Ahaz, said: "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign." So the prophet accused Ahaz of profaning divine orders. Isaiah virtually said: "You must not think that I am sent to you because you are of any worth. You are very far from being of any value. Therefore I did not come for your sake, but for the sake of the house of Judah and for all the sons of Israel. Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign." Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel."

Now, if, as you say, the prophet was foretelling that a girl or damsel or young woman would conceive according to the usual human way, then it would be totally vain, unreasonable, paradoxical and foolish to call this fact "a sign".

We are under strict obligation according to the laws of reason, to believe that the prophet meant that the sign given of the Lord, was that a Virgin, without the contact of any man, would conceive, though you, with inconsistent and foolish words, try to put it out of the way and defame it.

Another thing that you must take into consideration in order to be convinced that the prophecy of Isaiah was fulfilled is that the prophet said that the name of the Son shall be called Immanuel.

There would be no sense or a reason at all, if the Son was to be born according to the laws of nature, for Him to be called by the name "Immanuel", which means "God with us".

## IV.

After listening to these things, the Jew Xenos made questions as follows — Oh king, never from the beginning of the world, has anyone lived over one thousand years. How then say you that this Messiah is alive yet, though, He passed from this earth very near to fourteen hundred years ago? This is impossible. But if you say that the Messiah died, it must be false because Elijah did not come and anoint Him.

The King answered — You do err, Oh Xenos, not knowing the Scriptures or the power of God. It is believed that Elijah shall not come to anoint the Lord. But there is going to be born a very heinous man from the race of the Jews, (this no doubt refers to the coming of the Antichrist preceding Christ's return — *Translator*) who will have within himself the energies of the Devil and working with Satanic power shall do signs and wonders, and declare himself that he is a God so that not only will many Christians be deceived who shall live at that time, but also all the Jews except a very small remnant.

For this reason, it is said, that there shall come, sent by the merciful God,

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the two prophets of old, Elijah and Enoch, to teach and urge people to return to the true God (this evidently refers to the Two Witnesses of the eleventh chapter of Revelation — *Translator*).

The Jewish nation will be urged to show faith in Christ when Elijah and Enoch appear. For the Jews became enemies to God and the Gospel when they murdered Christ, but again they are beloved of God for the sake of their fathers. Those Jews, that the wisdom of the Divine Providence knows are totally unwilling to repent and to return to Him, God will put aside. But all the others, God knows that shall accept and receive the preaching of the Gospel of Christ with gratitude, these, He will not leave without helping them to return to Him.

And then shall be fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah, which says: "For though thy people Israel be as the sand of the sea, yet a remnant of them shall return."

And for these reasons shall Elijah be sent by God at that time, and not, as you say, to anoint the Messiah.

But as a man, Christ neither lived one thousand years on earth or in heaven. But He lived more than thirty years and after He was crucified by your vilest fathers, died, and ascended into heaven as God. His holy body was laid in the grave, but did not see corruption. But His Divine substance, undivided and united in His glorious Person, descended to the darkness of Hades, and set free those from bonds, who had died under the promise of future redemption. After that, He ascended to heaven, and His disciples together with His most holy mother were present and gazed up to Him, and now He is in heaven, sitting and being honored together with God the Father.

These things said the King to the Jew Xenos.

#### V.

There was present on the ship, the most Rev. Bishop Matthew, whom by order of the King, began the discussion with the Jew Xenos. And the Jew asked another question as follows — How say you that Messiah has come already, when Elijah from Tishby is not come yet, as the prophets say?

To this question, Matthew answered — Hear me, Oh Xenos, and be prudent. The prophets declare that Christ will come two times upon the earth. The one time is that He came already, and the other shall be at the end of this age. And the prophets also say of the second coming of Christ, that Elijah shall be the forerunner.

But at the first coming of Christ, the forerunner was John the Baptist, whom the prophet Malachi called an Angel or Messenger, not only because he voiced the near approach of the first coming of Christ, but also because his living was very close to that of the Angels.

Christ called John the Baptist by the name Elijah, not because John was in person Elijah himself, but because John was also fulfilling the same ministry as Elijah. Because as Elijah will be the forerunner for the second coming of Christ, the same was true

of John, in relation to the first coming of Christ. And not only for this cause, but also because John lived the same kind of a life as Elijah had lived.

The prophets mention both coming of Christ, and also declare that there will be forerunners in each instance.

But the Jews, put aside in silence the first coming, with a criminal intention in their hearts, and in error they misinterpret the Bible and rob it of its true meaning. You Jews see in your Scriptures only the second coming of Christ, to which Elijah the Tishbite will

be the forerunner. You see Messiah as King but not as Saviour.

The same prophet Malachi says again about the second Coming of Christ: "Behold I will send you Elijah the prophet." And Malachi says that Elijah will come just "before the great and terrible day of Jehovah" — that is the day of the second coming of Christ.

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them is already past, and flooded us with many blessings. The second coming will occur at the end of this age, and shall demand compensation for the way people have lived.

But if you the Jews, reject the first one coming of Christ, and think that it was false, and if you look only to the second coming of Messiah, then you must be very careful, lest you instead accept a Shepherd who will be a wolf — the Antichrist, and then you shall be sent to everlasting fire and there shall be weeping and great mourning, but totally in vain.

The prophet Daniel calls the Antichrist a "beast", because he will be such a brute and terrible, full of all brutalities and uncleannesses. This Anti-christ, also, shall be cast into the river of fire before all others.

This Antichrist will not endure the reproof and the showing to Him His faults by the two witnesses, Enoch and Elijah, and shall kill them, and cause them to take the death of martyrdom. And so these two prophets shall have the experience of death, something they did not have when they were on earth before.

And so, with the Splendor of the Holy Ghost, and by the wise words of the Emperor John Palaeologos and of the Bishop Matthew, the Jew Xenos was enlightened and convinced, and openly confessed His Faith in the Holy Trinity and to all the beliefs of the Church, and was begotten again by the Baptism, and was named EMMANUEL.

*(Translated from the original Greek documents by Rev. A. Velonis of Thessalonika, Greece.)*

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God and his unchanging revelation, in an immortal soul, in eternal moral commands, and in the alleged eternal truth of scientific ideas. There is nothing, however, in the world around to justify this belief. Everything in the world once had a beginning, and there is no part of the universe that will not perish.

Shall we try to picture the universe as seen from the viewpoint of Dialectical Materialism? It began, and by the law of continual change, the interaction of opposing forces produced all within it. The rocks, the sea, the quack of the duck, the twinkle of the star, the love of a woman, the eruption of a volcano, the profound thought of Marx, the insane destruction of a mad-dened elephant, the judgment of a lawyer, the invention of a machine — everything, all — *has its basis in the material*. Speaking of the development of human life and thought, Marx wrote: "Political, legal, philosophical, religious, literary, artistic development is grounded on economic development."

All these things, moreover, are brought into being and go out into nothingness by a perpetual movement, an interaction of forces, a dialectical antithesis between the natural and spiritual, between concrete reality and abstract thought, a struggle of opposites.

Dialectical Materialism, therefore, can be said, also, to be a new interpretation of history. All ideas and movements can now be related to the economic conditions which gave them birth. A result of that study is that the relative value of things can be weighed and the next great movement in the evolutionary growth of the world foreseen.

## Down With Religion

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next great change. To go back to Conze, it provides "a prosaic and practical tool", it has "the functions of an axe."

"To become a Marxist", writes John MacMurray, "is to agree that the most essential task to-day is the destruction of the Capitalist system." Not, mind you, to wait for the inevitable destruction, but to destroy it. Dialectical Materialism is essentially revolutionary and iconoclastic.

It has no confidence in gradual and constitutional change, it is apocalyptic in its view of the immediate future. The enthusiastic aim of the true Marxist is to use the axe and ruthlessly destroy the last vestiges of the existing system.

And what about religion? According to this new philosophy, all religious ideas, all ideas of God, the soul, the spiritual world and salvation, had their origin in economic conditions. When the conditions are gone, the ideas will be not only useless but reactionary. The revolution can be hastened by the overthrow of ideas which belong to a discredited Capitalism. *Religion to-day is a menace, although it had its place in the evolutionary movement in the past.*

This indicates clearly the meaning of the virulent attacks on religion not only in the realm of its institutional existence but also in the realm of intellectual thought. Religion, together with Capitalism, is doomed to pass away. It is part and parcel of a system of life and thought which is outworn and is just about to be destroyed to make way for world Communism. **IF IT WON'T GO QUIETLY, IT MUST BE VIOLENTLY ANNIHILATED. THAT IS THE VIEW OF THE DIALECTICAL MATERIALIST!**

### Religion Without God

Robert Entwistle has written a book to try to prove that Dialectical Materialism is not the antithesis but the complement of Christianity. This view would not be possible if Mr. Entwistle's "Christianity" came within reach of the Apostles.

But listen to an extract from his last chapter: "We cannot avoid, even if we would, the revolution that is our social and historical destiny. To try to avoid it in the sphere of religion or of politics is to condemn oneself to intellectual and social futility and barrenness. . . .

"The world's need to-day is not a dilettante affair which may be met or not at pleasure. It is a searching demand for fundamental change, which if it cannot be met in any other way, will kill the men and women who block its path, kill the relatively few in order that the hundred million may go free. A revolution which if compelled, will slay human beings, will not hesitate about setting at naught their ideals, more especially if those ideals are clearly the ideals of a decadent class, and deserve to perish.

"The church that has not seen the moral necessity for revolution, or has not dared to identify itself openly with the revolutionary urge, may, indeed, survive the social storm, but it will be with

the last shred of its moral authority gone, the light of its leadership put out. It will have become, in the words of one of the writers in *Christianity and the Crisis*, 'a mere hobby for the aged and the sick'."

Mr. Entwistle, therefore, captivated with the new "scientific method of thinking", views the coming world revolution as absolutely inevitable and suggests that the only way for Christianity to survive is to fully identify itself with the new Communistic doc-

trine. I am afraid, however, very few Christians and still fewer Marxists can see the possibility of such an identification.

Whoever studies the literature of Dialectical Materialism to-day and comes to the conclusion that Christianity can survive world Communism, either has not faced up to the implications of the Communist doctrine or doesn't know what Christianity is. To

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## MATERIALISM.

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quote John MacMurray again: "We must be careful to understand what Marx understood it to mean, not a blank denial of religion, but the historical understanding of its necessity and function in society which leads to its dialectical negation when its function is completed. . . . When humanity 'comes to itself' and negates its own self-estrangement, there can no longer be an *raison d'être* for the existence of organized religious institutions. 'When that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.' The effort to establish the true human society necessarily implies the destruction of the churches."

## Christianity or Communism?

These quotations, from men who are sympathetic both to Christianity and Communism, prove conclusively that Dialectical Materialism and institutional Christianity cannot exist side by side.

Only one other aspect of this subject demands treatment now. Is Dialectical Materialism ever likely to influence thought in England and America sufficiently to become a menace to religion?

I have already indicated that there are Christians who have accepted the doctrine on the basis of Mr. Entwistle's book. There are many others who are so enraptured by the supposed economic and political utopia which Communism promises that they are ready to discount or explain away the anti-religious element in it. There are even more who are Socialists in political opinion but have no understanding whatever of Dialectical Materialism and do not take it into account.

On the other hand, the Labor College movement, in its educational work among workers, has been teaching Dialectical Materialism for a quarter of a century. It is a subject on the regular curriculum of Communist schools throughout the world. During the last few years, however, there has been a rapid increase of interest in the subject.

Literature is pouring out of the publishing houses and is having a wide circulation not only among workers but also among the middle and upper classes. Books on the subject are multiplying in a remarkable manner. People here in England, of all classes, whose attitude to religion has been, up to the moment, one of disinterested tolerance, are getting used to the idea that religion, including Christianity, has served its purpose, is now only a menace, and must be eradicated from the life and thought of mankind if the

world is to make further economic progress.

In spite of the British Labor Party's firm attitude in not agreeing to make a united front with the Communists, Communism is rapidly replacing Socialism as the popular left wing political influence in England. What affects Great Britain affects the United States.

Almost against their own views on politics, Englishmen are being coerced into thinking of Communism as the only effective barrier against Fascism, and in spite of probable exaggerations and misrepresentations from the Conservative press and vigorous denials and authoritative disclaimers from the Liberal and Labor press, there is not a shadow of doubt that the most powerful element in the Popular Front in France and Spain at the present moment is Communistic, and because Communistic, anti-clerical and anti-Christian.

The point to be remembered in this struggle is that inasmuch as the destruction of churches and overthrow of organized religious life is carried out by Communists, the basis of the attack is not a

negative criticism of a decadent Christianity but a positive replacement of a rival atheist philosophy.

Corless Lamont, an American writer, says: "While Marxism does not constitute a religion, because there is no element of the supernatural about it, it can and does take the place in people's lives that religion at its best used to fill. . . . It covers the whole of life and is probably more far-reaching in its implications than any religion that ever existed."

A crisis is coming. It will be fatal to disregard the facts of the situation. Hugh Redwood, writing on this very subject in the *News Chronicle*, said that the menace was that the Church did not realize that a new strategy was needed.

Institutional Christianity has no spiritual dexterity. It is trying to fight an enemy who is using bombers and poison gas with bows and arrows.

What can be done about it? The first thing is to understand the position, and that is the purpose of this article. Space will not allow more just now.

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How important it is, then, that Christian Ministers and singers and workers should recognize the true power of

music, and utilize that power to the utmost degree.

## Recent Scientific Discoveries

Prof. S. V. Kravkov, an European scientist, recently is reported to have proven that music can often improve a listener's eye-sight as much as twenty-five per cent.

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The current issue of *Popular Science* (October 1937) reports the case of a woman who discovered quite by accident that she could control her periodic spasms of epilepsy by listening to certain kinds of music. Now, when she feels an attack coming on, she takes a "dose" of music. This magazine reports that she has not had a serious attack of epilepsy since making this discovery.

Dr. George W. Crile, noted surgeon, recently declared that music helps to relieve nervous tension, and thereby often contributes toward the patient's recovery.

William van de Wall, Dutch expert, once walked boldly into the violent ward of an insane asylum, carrying a portable organ. He began to play and sing. One of the most violent patients, a powerful man who had to be constantly guarded, soon began to sing along with the organ. He promised to behave himself if he would be allowed to sing once a week. It is reported that soon he was moved out of the violent ward, and within a few months dismissed from the hospital, completely restored to sanity!

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## MUSIC.

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And here is one thing which must not be overlooked:

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## The Importance of Gospel Music

If it is true, then, that Gospel music carries such potential influence for good, how important it is, that music should be given its proper place in the Ministry.

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May we suggest a few things that every song leader and musical director should always bear in mind?

1. In congregational singing, be sure to select songs that everybody can sing. If there are not sufficient song books to "go around", sing something that everybody knows from memory.

2. It's better to sing too few songs, than too many. Don't weary your audience. And don't keep them standing on their feet too long at a time. Most of them have been working hard all day.

3. Don't "preach" between every verse of every song. An apt illustration or a concise comment may be in order occasionally, but extreme discretion should be used in this matter.

4. Have a definite *plan* in each song service. If fast Gospel choruses are to be used, they should not be between two solemn hymns, nor should they immediately precede prayer. For example, it might be well to open the service with a few enthusiastic gospel chor-

uses, and a few cheerful remarks to get the audience into a spirit of singing; and then gradually work up to more serious songs and immediately preceding the prayer a song of devotion or worship that will prepare the hearts of the audience for a spirit of prayer.

5. In special numbers — solos, duets, and quartets, etc., remember that it's always better to have the number too short than too long. It's better to sing too few verses than too many. The effect of an entire song may often be spoiled by one too many verses.

6. Endeavor to plan a musical program which will be in keeping with the theme of the preacher's sermon for that service.

7. Give your musical service a solid backing of *prayer*. The musical director, and every one who is to take part in the musical program, should spend as much time in praying for God's blessings upon his efforts, as should the preacher.

After all, every effort for Christ should be "drenched" in prayer. Don't be surprised when Gospel music is ineffective, if it is performed half-heartedly, and has been prayerlessly.

There IS power in Gospel music! Let's UTILIZE that power to the very utmost degree!

## Communism On The Witness Stand

Dr. Oswald J. Smith, Toronto, Canada

THERE are a number of questions that I am anxious to ask the Communists. I would like to know what they think. Have they an answer?

Certain facts are very difficult to understand. It may be that some conscientious Communist will be able to explain some things that are not clear to many people.

For instance, according to the new Constitution about which we hear so much today, we are told that there is now perfect freedom in Russia and that Russia is one of the most democratic countries in the world. If that be so, may I ask first of all why it is

so difficult to get into Russia? I can go to Germany or Italy, France or Greece without any trouble. All I have to do is to get my passport vised and proceed on my journey. No questions are asked; no one interferes with me. I cross the border after a superficial examination by the officials and enter the country.

Not so with Russia. The traveller who would journey to the land of the Soviets, must have his application sent to Moscow, and patiently wait until the verdict is returned, and in many cases he is absolutely barred. If he goes as a tourist with a group of others and is escorted by a guide, he may get in for a brief period, but he has to face difficulties in entering the country, the like of which are never met in any other nation in the world.

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But in Russia it is different. The traveller cannot go anywhere without permission, and even then he must have a guide. He is not allowed to go by himself. His movements are restricted. He must go, for the most part, in the company of others, and the Government will see to it that he leaves the country in due time. Hence, I am at a loss to understand how there can be freedom where there are so many restrictions.

As a rule, when things are going on that people do not want the general public to see, they draw the blinds. Is it because there are things going on in Soviet Russia that the Government wants to keep from the world, that the blinds are drawn? If this is not the explanation, then what is it? I wish some Communist would answer, for there are many who want to know.

#### Religious Affairs

There is something else that bothers us a good deal, but perhaps the more enlightened Communist will be able to explain it. It is in regard to religion. It says in the new Constitution that (1) freedom of religious worship and (2) freedom of anti-religious propaganda are recognized for all citizens. Why not, may I ask, freedom of religious propaganda as well as anti-religious? Is it fair to allow one and not the other?

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own hearts, or does it mean what freedom means in America?

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Article 125 declares that the Soviet Constitution now guarantees freedom of speech. But does it? For instance, can a citizen of Soviet Russia, rent a hall and speak on any subject he chooses, or would he be compelled to submit his address to the authorities? As a matter of fact, would he be allowed to even suggest such a meeting? Are the pastors of Russia allowed freedom of speech? Can they discuss Christian topics in rented halls and auditoriums, or out in the open-air on the streets, the same as we can in our democratic countries?

In the same Article, freedom of the press is guaranteed, but let me ask an honest conscientious Communist, if there is one, what the Government really means by freedom of the press. Do they mean what we do here in America? Can an editor publish any news he wants to publish? Is he allowed to write editorials condemning the actions of government officials, just as editors in America do? Is he allowed to object to what is done, in his paper? Or must he submit everything to a strict censorship? Won't some Communist please answer? Americans would like to know whether or not the freedom of the press guaranteed to the Russian people, is all that it means in democratic countries.

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#### Let Communists Answer

Need I say anything about freedom of street processions and demonstrations, which is also supposed to be guaranteed by the new Constitution? Everyone knows perfectly well that if even an attempt were made, unless authorized by the Government, there would be bloodshed immediately. Hence, freedom enjoyed by the Americans and the freedom of the new Constitution of Russia, is as far apart as the two poles.

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However, in case I am wrong, I am writing this open letter to the Communists of America, and I am giving them a chance to answer. I certainly trust that some of them will take the trouble to reply. Dr. Winrod, I am sure, will be glad to publish whatever they may have to say, providing it is an honest answer to my questions. It is too bad that they are accepting and giving out false propaganda regarding Russia when the truth might be known.

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God is the greatest of all givers. The Christmas season reminds us of His great Gift to mankind.

Someone has said: "You can't beat God at giving".

We, as recipients of the Gospel, are required to give it to others.

Paul Rader, the well known missionary statesman, says there was a time when Armenia had an opportunity to evangelize Turkey but refused to send the needed missionaries. She hoarded the Gospel! She refused to pass it on! Then the fatal day came when the Turk struck — and the Armenian massacres were the result.

It is Mr. Rader's opinion that if Armenia had been loyal to the Great Commission, the slaughter of her helpless people would never have occurred. . . .

Some professing Christians go through life, interested chiefly in themselves, and never catch the vision of what it means for lost souls to slip away into Christless graves. They fail to grasp the full meaning of our Lord's words to His disciples "Go ye". They do not understand that a divine command obligates them to be *givers with God*.

God gave! We are likewise called to *give!* A solemn responsibility rests upon every Christian to *give* of his time, his prayers, his substance — to help with the evangelization of the world.

Representatives of the Defenders Movement, out on various missionary frontiers, extend pleading hands to the Readers of this Magazine, to share with them in their labors of love during the present Christmas season.

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On this page of the Defender there appears a photograph of Rev. M. J. Markoff, wearing a turban, taken while engaged in missionary travels through a section of Bulgaria which is populated almost entirely by Mohammedans. There is a mosque in the background.

Mr. Markoff is shown reading his New Testament — which he expounded faithfully to large crowds of Ishmael's spiritual children. (Mohammed claimed to trace his ancestry back to Ishmael, the bastard son of Abraham.)

"There are 100,000 Pomak Mohammedans in Bulgaria, who have been

tragically neglected as far as Gospel work is concerned," says Mr. Markoff. "Here in Ludjene, I came in contact with the local priest who was willing that I should speak publicly. I have preached three sermons explaining the Christian message. I have visited several villages, travelling most by foot, and will go to others before returning home.

"Yesterday was my birthday, but I spent the day far from my family. I am tired but satisfied, happy in the vineyard of the Lord."

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Christmas day will find several congregations of Christians dotted over



Rev. M. J. Markoff  
(Bulgaria)

Liberian jungle areas, worshipping the Saviour Whose birthday they will be commemorating.

Paul Revere, the native leader of the Defenders Movement who was himself saved from tribal paganism more than a quarter of a century ago, writes: "We can not find words to express our appreciation to all the American friends who are helping with the furtherance of the Gospel in this part of the world.

"I deserve no credit for the way souls are being saved and the native church continues to grow. It is all of God and comes from answered prayer. I thank Him for health and strength to work among people who have lived for so many centuries in darkness. Our sufferings mean nothing. Our blessed Lord suffered more than we, for it

is written: 'Who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame'.

"One of many things that brings me joy is to see several young men whom I have led to Christ, and trained for service, are now out winning the lost."

**Needs:** Mr. Revere writes that he needs (1) old copies of good Christian magazines, (2) Gospel tracts printed in English, large type, (3) Literature especially for children, (4) song books, (5) colored pictures of Bible scenes, (6) large Bible picture rolls. Materials of this kind, shipped to Wichita, will be properly forwarded to the African field.

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Rev. Arthur W. Pain, of Cuba, broadcasts daily by radio from Havana, over both short and long waves. He calls the program "Moments With Your Bible". It is definitely evangelistic. He is heard in a score of different nations every day.

He remarks in a recent letter: "From an isolated place in Australia where there is no church, a man writes of the blessings received through the daily services coming into his home by the radio. A lady in Idaho explains there is no church in her home. Another family from Colombia, S. A. tells how they enjoy the daily broadcasts. Many other such letters have been received the last few days from Guatemala, Nicaragua, Salvador, Puerto Rico, Honduras, many parts of Cuba, etc. The opportunity is indeed wonderful to reach so many different countries in two languages. Many souls have been saved and others are writing in for tracts to distribute in their towns."

Rev. and Mrs. Pain broadcast in both English and Spanish. The radio work is very important, but comprises only a small part of their daily labors.

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A typical incident in Navajo missionary service is stated in a recent report from Miss Katherine Beard:

"We are happy to be able to report two more souls saved the last two weeks. One is the wife of a 'Medicine Man', and the other his nineteen year old daughter. These women will need much prayer living in the midst of heathenism. The daughter was very ill last month, and the father (his name is 'Whiskers') came to us asking for help. We visited the daughter several times and finally took her to the government hospital. The father apparently had no faith in his heathenish practices for his own family. This family lives back in Grey Mountain where there are no missionaries, and we knew that if we did not reach them with the Story, while they are camped near us, that we could not reach them at all."

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As 1937 draws to a close, the faithful band of native missionary workers in Puerto Rico, may look back with satisfaction upon a year well invested in definite constructive service. It has been by far their greatest year!

Elsewhere in this Defender there appears an article by Superintendent J. F. Rodriguez entitled "Storms of Life" which illustrates the type of message that goes out constantly under his able leadership. This treatise comprises the complete text of a weekly talk delivered by radio from San Juan.

Regular letters like the following, are constantly received from Dr. Rodriguez:

"Yesterday was a holiday, and we held a refreshing Defender rally at Paracochero, an open air preaching point, where Rev. Julio Lopez preaches weekly. During the day we visited from house to house, for several hours, and toward evening came together for the discussion of important matters, reading of the Word and prayer. Homes were touched which were ignorant of the Gospel. . . . .

"As an outcome of this meeting, a great campaign was planned for the city of Caguas where the Chapel Car and the Defenders radio staff will witness during one week, in an effort to win hundreds of souls for the Master. Great joy and spiritual liberty prevailed during the whole day.

"After addressing a crowd, at seven p.m. we hurried to the radio station, at San Juan, for a broadcast that was scheduled at 9:30 p.m. God was honoring the regular radio hour. Praise His Name!"

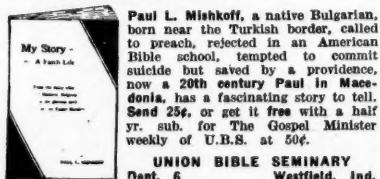
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Heartening letters are also being received from Greece, telling of progress in the face of obstacles and persecution. Rev. A. Velonis never wastes a day. His keen eye and alert mind searches out constant opportunities to witness in a land which offers very much the same missionary challenge today, that it did the time of the first visit of the Apostle Paul.

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These terse tabloid reports will be sufficient to convey a mental picture of the work being done on the various fields.

(Special Christmas Offerings will be thankfully received during December. In giving, state for which field (or fields) your offering is intended — Bulgaria, Africa, Cuba, India, Puerto Rico, and Greece.)



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## MODERNISM.

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in the Greek.

The most ancient manuscripts available to the translators of the *American Standard Version* offer no encouragement to such a contention, since that body of distinguished scholars rendered the disputed passage as follows: "And Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ".

This is by no means the only example of the departure of Modernists from the principles of scholarship in their attempt to get rid of the Virgin Birth, their whole criticism being entirely lacking in the thing known as literary sensitiveness.

One wonders why both Matthew and Luke should deliberately lay themselves open to censure if they knew their statements to be without factual support. Surely, they were astute enough to know that the story of the Virgin Birth is one no one would believe unless it were true. Their difficulties, as biographers, were not calculated to be minimized but rather increased by its telling. Their problem was not to invent the story but to stand responsible for the consequences of its publication. The easy way out would have been to gloss over the matter of origins or to have remained silent.

If the story of the Virgin Birth were an invention, then its very appearance in the Gospel record is contrary to

every dictate of reason and common sense.

If the Modernists expect serious consideration to be given their contention that fiction was resorted to in order to conceal what they prefer to think of as the shame of Mary, one cannot but wonder why the Gospel writers did not resort to the simple and easily accepted expedient of moving up the date of Mary's marriage to Joseph a sufficient time to cover the situation. Their failure to do this is a powerful argument for the facts as they have stated them.

## Issues At Stake

The Modernists are well aware that much more is at stake here than the supposed intellectual difficulties involved in our Lord's surrender of His heavenly character and state, and His assumption of human form. They know full well that once they admit the Virgin Birth that a number of other matters of controversy, among them the inspiration of the Bible, will go by default to the defenders of Christian faith.

A God who could send forth His Son in such a way that His entrance into the world clothed Him with human flesh from the womb of a Virgin, could also inspire men in such a way as to produce a Bible free from historical and theological errors.

They know, too, that the Virgin Birth points directly to the cross and the empty tomb, and that once the deity of Jesus is admitted in His birth that Calvary is no longer "the world's surpassing tragedy", as it has been called, but an essential element of the divinely thought out and executed plan for the redemption of believers through the shedding of Christ's blood.

But the Virgin Birth is more than a field of battle; it is a rallying point for all the friends of Christ. TO ITS DEFENSE COME BOTH DEVOUT CATHOLICS AND BIBLE BELIEVING PROTESTANTS, TO STAND SHOULDER TO SHOULDER AGAINST THE COMMON ENEMY OF UNBELIEF.

True it is that Catholicism teaches many things about the birth of Jesus which Protestants find it impossible to accept. But even so, it is the Virgin Birth which stands at the center. Catholics entertain no doubts on the subject. To them Jesus was the Holy Child of the Virgin Mary.

It is gradually dawning upon Bible believing Protestants that the Roman Catholics, with their undeviating faith in the Deity of Jesus, are much more nearly their brethren than the Modernists, who, though they may wear the same denominational names, deny the fundamentals of "the faith once for all delivered unto the saints".

The close affinity of the Modernists and outright atheists should prove a powerful factor in moving hearts of Protestants and Catholics to united action. That Communism — which is nothing more than religious Modernism and Atheism at work in the political and economic arena — makes no distinction between Catholics and Protestants, but accounts them all worthy

of death, as has been amply demonstrated in both Russia and Spain, should cause all true believers to emphasize the theological and doctrinal points upon which they are in agreement.

## An Atheist "Joke"

Some time ago the American Association for the Advancement of Atheism was responsible for the publication of a lewd and blasphemous story entitled a "Holy Ghost Joke".

The "joke" was as follows:

"A very pious young lady had died and had gained admittance into heaven. Saint Peter took her around and presented her to God, Christ and various other notables. Being left alone, she strolled around and admired the scenery, but noticed she was being followed by a very small, mean looking fellow, who kept bowing to her and was evidently trying to 'pick her up'. Much alarmed, she ran back to St. Peter, told him what had happened, and asked him who this fellow could be. Looking up and seeing who it was, Peter replied: 'Oh, that's the Holy Ghost, but we don't introduce him to ladies since he had that little affair with the Virgin Mary'."

This isn't a pretty story, but it demonstrates better than a thousand arguments the statement that Modernism and Atheism are brothers under the skin. Dress this story up in the high-sounding sanctimonious phrases of Modernist preaching and it would approximate the substance of many a "Christmas sermon".

It is little wonder that Charles Smith, President of the American Association for the Advancement of Atheism, says: "We must recognize that for many Modernism is but a stopover on the road to atheism". Nor is it to be wondered at that Mr. Smith went on to say, "For the present we should train our guns principally on such religious standpatters as the Roman Catholic Church and the Protestant hotbeds of Fundamentalism".

## The Call To Bethlehem

This is again the season when men's hearts yearn toward David's town of Bethlehem. The sound of angel voices is in the air. The night is made radiant with the vision of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest". Like the shepherds of old the world is minded to go to Bethlehem "to see this thing that is come to pass".

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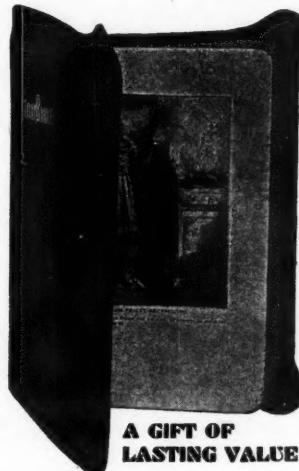
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December 12

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1 John 1:1-7; Rev. 21:1-7

VERSE 1 takes us back to the eternal Son of God, yonder in a dateless "beginning".

He is "the Word of Life" and "in Him was life", and that Life, imparted and given its highest expression, became "the light of men" (John 1:4).

Man is the intended culmination and climax of creation. That "Life", in His likeness, places us at the top, with a "light" that differentiates us from all other created existence. Life made man to share the nature of God; Light enabled him to share His knowledge and wisdom. Thus lightened, man's eyes saw and ever see, what the animal's eyes have never seen nor ever will see. *Man is akin to God.*

Verses 5-6 introduce the element of "darkness" — a moral state that can not "comprehend" the light. Here, then, is the great moral and spiritual struggle between good and evil, God and the Devil, life and death, light and darkness, which began in the beginning when "darkness was upon the face of the deep" and "God said, Let there be light; and there was light" (Gen. 1:1-3).

As God spake in the beginning, dispelling darkness with light; so God sent His appointed "Word" — the living Word, His very Self, incarnate, among us as "bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh", to penetrate our spiritual darkness and bring back to us the light with which He had originally blessed us.

The dictionary defines light as (a) "The essential condition of vision; the opposite of darkness." (It is, then, the revealer of that which we otherwise could not see; it is the enemy of darkness, which obscures and conceals). (b) "An emanation from a light-giving body." (Light, then, requires a source.) (c) "The sensation aroused by the stimulation of the visual centers." (Light seeks to secure a response, its own purposed effect, in us). So we see that light is essential to spiritual life, that it must have its

source outside of us and find its response within us.

A fellowship, past, present, and future:

(1) Manifested in the Past, on earth, in the flesh, for our salvation (1:1-3). At no time can we fail to root our Christian experience in His incarnation, life, death and resurrection (See Phil. 3:10).

(2) Manifested in the Present, in heaven, for us and our sanctification. He is there as our Advocate (2:1-2), and now has fellowship with us by and through His Holy Spirit, that other Advocate sent to be with us (John 14:16).

(3) Manifested in the Future, He will be, to the loving, welcoming gaze of His children (3:2, R.V.). And future though this manifestation in His likeness be, it becomes a present, transforming factor in our fellowship (3:3, R.V.).

We must (1) Keep the windows of our soul open *Godward*, as the source of all spiritual life and blessing; (2) Let the truth have its desired and wonted effect *Selfward*, as the vessel God has chosen into which to pour His truth, yea Himself; (3) Let this heavenly fellowship flow out from Him *Brotherward*.

December 19

## The Birth of Jesus

Luke 2:8-20

GOD incarnate!

Child and mother were in a stable. The shepherds were under the open sky keeping watch over their flocks. Kings were passing by. The priesthood was ignored. Wealth was not consulted. No conference of political potentates was called. Worldly wisdom would not have understood. (See 1 Cor. 1:27, 29).

He has called a few wise, and a few mighty, a few noble men, for God is not partial; but to hear this great thing we go not to the Sanhedrin, but to the fields.

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The announcement was made when the earth was wrapped in slumber. Ostentation was absent. Worldly pomp did not accompany the advent of the Saviour. God's ways are not man's ways. But wait until Christ comes the second time!

"Shepherds" (Verse 8). These were the sacred shepherds who tended the flocks of sheep, destined for the sacrifices of the Temple in Jerusalem, not far away. They are now called to witness the arrival of the Lamb of God.

"Saying" (13). Note, we are not told they *sang* (as is commonly supposed). It is probable none can sing except the redeemed.

"A Saviour" (11). The world did not need another king of the human kind. It was sick of kings. Another philosopher would have added to the folly of worldly wisdom and to the misery of mankind. Neither did the world need another great statesman, a reformer, or teacher, to soothe; but it did need a Saviour to save. The world was dead in sin. Jesus is the personal Saviour Who saves from the guilt, power, pollution and presence of sin. Has He saved you?

"They came with haste" (16). Showing their zeal and ardor, as well as faith. We can never find the Saviour too soon.

"They made known abroad" (17). They told those in the Inn, and all they met, of the wonderful things they had seen and heard in the fields. The news was too good to keep; it belonged to the world. Whosoever has truly found the Saviour burns to "proclaim to all around what a Saviour they have found." (See Acts 4:20; 1 John 1:1-3).

"They that heard it wondered" (18). They were astonished, and then many, doubtless, forgot all about it. They treated the good news as many now treat the gospel: they are interested

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in it, but do not seek for it as for hidden treasures.

"But Mary" (19), in contrast with these others, "kept all these things" in her memory. They were treasures whose value the following years revealed to her. "Pondered them". Kept revolving them, comparing them with the promises of the Old Testament, and what had been announced to her.

"The shepherds returned" (20). To their duty as shepherds, but with a new life and blessing in all their daily work. Feeding sheep could never again be commonplace to them. After our holiest communion with God, our views from Pisgahs of life, our insight into the world and heaven on the mounts of transfiguration, we must return to our daily duties, but with a new life in them, a new blessing on them.

December 26

**Christian Consecration**

*Phil. 1:12-26*

**"YIELD yourselves unto God."**  
(Rom. 6:13). It is not enough to give our time, energy, or money. Many will gladly give anything, rather than themselves. Our Lord Jesus gave His very Self for us.

(2) Consecration is the stepping-stone to Blessedness. There must be full surrender before there can be full Blessedness. God admits you by the one into the other.

(3) The ground of consecration is in the great Scripture statement that we are Christ's. We are His by Purchase. "Ye are not your own, for ye are bought with a price."

(4) The act of consecration is to recognize Christ's ownership; and to accept it; and to say to Him, with the whole heart, "Lord, I am Thine by right, and I wish to be Thine by choice."

(5) Consecration is not the act of our feelings, but of our will. Do not try to feel anything. Just say "Lord Jesus, I am willing to be Thine"; or, if you can not say as much as that, say, "Lord Jesus, I am willing to be made willing to be Thine for evermore."

(6) If you cannot give all, ask God to TAKE all, and especially that which seems so hard to give. Just hand the will over to Christ, telling Him that we are willing to be made willing to have His will in all things.

(7) When we are willing that the Lord Jesus should take all, we must believe that He does take all. Sometimes there is a rush of holy feeling. It is very delightful when such emotions are given to us; but we must not look for them, or depend on them. We

may even have to exercise faith against feeling, as we say, many times each day, "I am His."

January 2

**The Gospel of Mark - A Preview**

*Mark 10:35-45*

THREE times our Lord predicted His death before He entered Jerusalem.

Each time it fell upon the ears of disciples who were occupied with thoughts of their own glory. "Be it far from Thee, Lord," was Peter's response to the first prediction. Then came the Lord's rebuke and the message on denying self and taking up the cross (Mt. 16:21-27).

The second was followed by the dispute as to whom should be greatest, drawing forth the lesson of the child in the midst (Mt. 17:22,23; 18:1-6). The request of James and John for the highest thrones followed the third prediction, then the teaching tenderly repeated concerning the meaning of true greatness.

Satan sought to grasp the highest place and won the lowest place; the Son of God left the highest place to take the lowest, and won the highest place as man as well as God (Isa. 14:12-15; Phil. 2:5-11).

"Whosoever will be chief." And who would not be chief? A man without ambition is a mere manikin. It is right to aim to be great — in the kingdom of heaven way. But how can it be

done? How can one forge to the front?

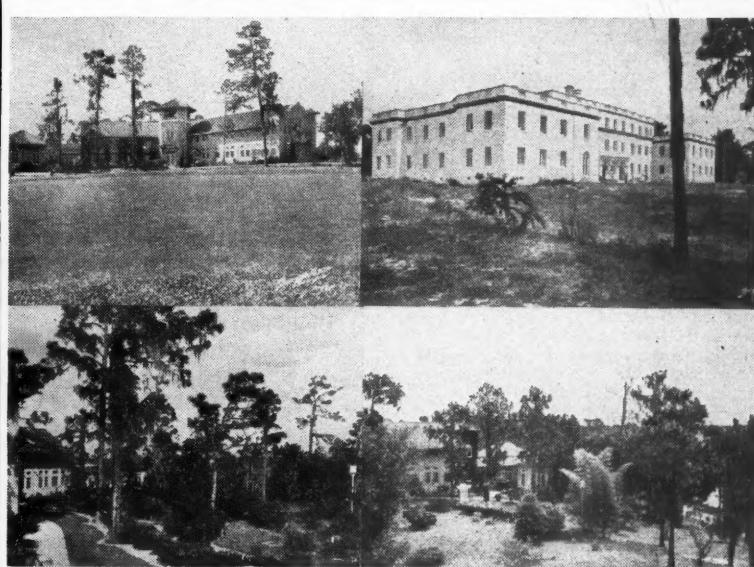
"By riding roughshod over all competitors," says the world. And after these have passed by, you will see in the pathway, as far as eye can see, naked bodies of the slain in attitudes of anguish, headless and dismembered, great wreckage of property. Such has been the progress of the mighty toward the conquest of the world.

"By serving all," says Christ. Before the arrival of the Man in homespun, with His humble retinue of handcraftsmen, the pathway is filled with wrecks, blind, lame, lepers, sick and even dead folks. He enters — this Man in homespun — the Servant of all. "Be whole!" "Receive thy sight!" "Arise and walk!" The King of kings in the guise of a servant has passed through the village on his way to universal conquest; and behold the people are rejoicing and making merry behind Him. Thus He stoops to conquer. It is the divine way.

What is He doing now? Serving. He will ever continue to serve even after mounting His own throne to reign (Read Lk. 12:37).

Blessed are they who stoop to conquer, as Christ did; who wear the yoke on their way to the crown. For those who suffer and serve with Him shall also reign with Him.

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## Storms of Life

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### - A Radio Address -

**"A**ND WHEN He was entered into a ship, His disciples followed Him, and, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but he was asleep. And His disciples came to Him, and awoke Him, saying, Lord, save us: we perish.

"And He saith unto them, Why are you fearful, O ye of little faith? Then He arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm. But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this that even the winds and the sea obey Him?" *Matthew 8:23-27.*

With these words, Matthew describes a memorable scene on the Sea of Galilee. Jesus had been busy all day with the trying task of serving the multitudes who came to Him — some sick, others seeking different kinds of help.

Persons unacquainted with the duties of public life, can not appreciate the drain upon one's physical and mental energies resulting from demands made by contact with the throngs of people.

Well, this was the daily experience of Jesus, and on one occasion, after a day of arduous work, He entered a ship, followed by His disciples, and soon fell fast asleep. While He was resting, the vessel likely the property of James and John, pulled away peacefully over the calm waves.

This Sea is periodically visited by winds that often change the peaceful voyages into danger and distress. This was the case in the circumstances recorded by Matthew.

By the time the disciples realized what was happening, they were already in the grip of a furious gale. The angry waves, high as mountains, threatened to engulf the little ship and destroy those on board.

Perhaps some of my radio listeners were passengers on a boat which was recently lashed by a terrible tempest, on its way from the continental United States to Puerto Rico. If so, you know from experience, something of the anguish that the disciples experienced during the stormy night referred to in my text.

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depths of the sea — who can describe the feeling? Some of the survivors of the Titanic have told of the terrible agony they suffered that chilly night, while waiting for the moment when the heartless waters might draw them to a merciless grave!

A shipwrecked young man of the Carolina Steamer gave us a vivid picture of his painful experience in a life-boat, dashed by angry waves while he and other persons were rowing towards New York. They thought that death was nearer than life, for several hours.

We can understand something of the fear with which the disciples were seized.

"We perish", they cried. Alarming words — *we perish!* It is not necessary to call the names of two aviators who recently fell to their death in the troubled waters of the ocean. The whole world was greatly concerned about them for many days. While yet in the air, they sent this message: "We are out of gas". The next word from them said: "Still in the air, but we must alight on the sea." Then, the world heard of their tragic end as they sent forth the words: "We are on the water".

Ships sailed at full speed, and swift planes searched for signs of hope. Efforts toward rescue were heroic, but in vain.

*In their need of rescue, the disciples who passed through the tempest of Tiberias, typify the sinners of today.*

Like them, all men are sailing, travelling upon the angry billows of the stormy sea of life. The masters of simile are never so happy in their analogies as when they compare man's pilgrimage upon this earth with the changing waves of the ocean. The roaring of the sea never ceases, and in like manner human experience cannot remain in the same state for any period of time.

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tragic experience. And that is the time to seek the Lord Jesus Christ Who is always able to still the storm!

#### An Example to Sinners

In their attitude toward the Saviour, when the disciples realized the seriousness of their plight, they set a great example of all sinners. What they did, is the natural thing for all persons to do, whether in physical or spiritual jeopardy. They came to Jesus and awoke Him, crying: "Lord, save us, we perish".

Modern psychology says that every man has within himself latent, all-powerful forces, which can be put into action by means of mental exercises suggested by attractive courses of training. Teachers of this branch of psychological thought assure their adherents that they can become "as God". This is the oft repeated lie of Eden. It attempts to build up an existence independent of God.

We mention these schools of thought incidentally just to say that, on the contrary, the story of mankind proves that humans are created to depend upon, and to come of necessity, to a higher Power for help. No man has ever transcended his soul-affliction without the help of an outside Agency.

From the time the child cries at the moment of birth, he begins to need the care of other persons and even after he is dead, loving hands must carry him to his final resting place. From cradle to sepulchre, humans need the aid of others. No man can depend solely upon himself. He must have help! This is true in both physical and spiritual matters.

For this reason we call man a social being, because his life, happy or unfortunate, depends greatly upon the right or wrong relations he sustains with other beings, and the things around him.

In this life of fellowship it is very important for a man to know the right person to whom he can go for help. The disciples knocked at the right door when they came to Jesus to escape being swallowed by the furious waters. Only the blessed Lord had power to rebuke the winds and calm the waves.

That particular day had been one of glorious miracles. In the morning Jesus had touched a leper with His healing hand, and the unclean flesh of the

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## STORMS.

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outcast became beautiful by the manifestation of new life. Later, a centurion prayed the Lord to heal his servant, and the petition was granted according to his faith. When Christ reached Peter's house, this Apostle's mother-in-law was lying sick with fever, and the Master healed her too. And "when the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with demons; and he cast out the spirits with His word and healed all that were sick."

The Apostles saw that Jesus had power over the physical world, for He healed miraculously; and also over supernatural agencies because He cast out evil spirits. They instinctively knew that He had power over the elements, and hurried to Him with their urgent prayer.

When He awoke, a picture confronted Him which He alone could fully appreciate. Frightened eyes, terrified faces, soaked clothing, trembling bodies, troubled souls! A scene of little faith, much fear, and almost no hope! This was the distressing circumstance which confronted the Lord of Glory. Such was the condition of His companions that stormy night.

Whoever observes world affairs carefully today, will see a repetition of the despairing picture offered by the disciples on that occasion.

If a painter desires to immortalize trouble on canvas, all he will need to do, is paint the panorama presented by this generation in its struggle with commercial, social and political problems. All strength has been spent in an effort to bring order and millennial blessings to this earth. But now men know that their genius can not produce peace and safety. This is the hour of chaos, and looking into the near future, we can see the approaching of a universal disaster.

*But praise God! When all human hope is lost, there remains a divine Hope, a salvation Anchor — Jesus Christ.*

## An Inspiration to Sinners

What Jesus did that night in answer to the earnest prayer of His friends, is an inspiration to all persons who pray. When He awoke on account of their cries, He rebuked their fears and inquired for the reason of their doubts.

He looked first after the condition of their souls. That is exactly what the Master is doing today with people who come to Him. Men are begging for physical health, for material prosperity, for changes in their financial condition, for the ceasing of the tempest, and no doubt, Jesus is interested in all these circumstances, but He de-

sires to look into man's spiritual condition first.

His first question is: "How is your soul?" Was not the angry sea, the roaring winds, the image of the unsettled minds and spirits of these men — was all this of no interest to Him? Yes, He was interested in their physical welfare. But He knew that internal peace needed to be restored first, and afterwards the Master's voice would silence the wrath of the sea and calm the fury of the tempest. Such was the order of events, that night.

## First the soul! Then the flesh!

The evangelist writes: "Then, He arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm. But the men marvelled".

When the Lord spoke, there was fair weather. That is, the sea was hushed and the winds were silenced. And the same thing happened in the troubled hearts of the sailors. Fear was hushed, and doubt was silenced. For that reason there was fair weather in

their spirits, and sunshine in their hearts.

One of the Scriptural names for Christ is "Prince of Peace", because one important feature of His mission is to bring peace in every sense of this word.

Terribly afflicted by the depressive atmosphere that envelopes men, they lose faith in justice and doubt the final triumph of spiritual values over the world. It is then that a man must go to Jesus in quest for rescue and peace of mind.

Sailing over the raging billows of life's troubled sea, the purest conscience suffers adulteration, and feels it is perishing. It is then that we need to look to Jesus and trust Him with our case, surrendering our all at His feet, so that He may have His way and speak to our weary souls the sweet message of His blessed peace, ordering a "hush, be silent" to Satanic persecution and all the foes of our lives.

## "Tobacco Road"

"TOBACCO ROAD", a sinister Communistic stage production, is now touring the Nation.

Its presence is not usually publicized in the cities visited, until three or four days before its appearance. By this means, Christians and patriots are taken off their guard, and do not realize the nature of the scheme being foisted upon their communities, until it is too late.

The purpose of this article is to arm loyal Americans with facts, so that proper protests can be made as soon as the first announcements of its appearance are made. Decent citizens in several cities have saved their localities from its demoralizing presence.

The play is noted as a production of "sex and religion". Its lines constitute a stream of profanity and vulgarity from beginning to end. It majors on perverted sexuality. It contains many scenes of the most vile and suggestive type. It slanders the South-

land. It is an open attack upon religion. It is written in a manner to put constantly on the lips of the actors, the lowest gutter language that one would hear in the slums or underworld of any American city.

The Author of "Tobacco Road" is a regular staff writer for certain Communist magazines published in the United States. He is known to have supported the Communist ticket in the last two national elections.

"Tobacco Road" was officially banned in Chicago, October 1935, by the Mayor. Later a Federal Court injunction protecting it, was reversed by the higher court.

Even the ultra-liberal Teachers College of Columbia University banned the book "Tobacco Road" because of its obscenity. The Author was formerly an agitator south of the Mason-Dixie line. The whole play is intended to produce Communist class incitement.

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